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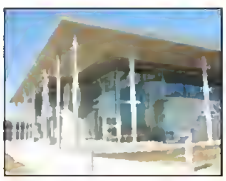

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Skating for Keegan

Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association and the Novice Local League Team #2 hosted a fundraising "Skate for Keegan," March 25.

On March 25, the Blue Rink at the new BWG Leisure centre was packed.

Not for a playoff game, but for a fundraiser for 7 year old Keegan Peters.

Keegan's Novice Local League hockey team and the BWG Minor Hockey Association organized a family skate, bake and cake pop sale, raffle and silent auction, to help the family cope with all of the unexpected expenses that arise when a child is diagnosed with cancer.

And parents Lori and Barry were overwhelmed by the community's response.

"We live in the best community in the world," said mom Lori. "I can't say how thankful we are."

Keegan is one month into his treatment, "so we have a long way to go," she says, but his cancer is

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Debate over the future of 31 Barrie

The Heritage Committee has no interest in preserving 31 Barrie St. - the former home of the Engineering Department, now sitting vacant.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee, warned of a leaky roof and the presence of mold, recommended demolition of the building - and an investigation by staff into possible uses of the land, for improving sightlines at the intersection of John St. E. and Barrie St., as a parking lot or parkette, or as a site for future commercial or residential development.

But Councillor Ron Simpson objected. "There is value in that building," Simpson said, given that MPAC has assessed the value at between $300,000 and $700,000. And while Simpson admitted the MPAC evaluation might be high, he urged holding off on demolition until staff can prepare a report on the possible reuse of the building, the cost of demolition, and the cost of selling the property.

"I'd like to make sure we're making the right decision - another month won't hurt," he said.

Councillor Hordyk agreed, suggesting that the Town could sell the building and put the money into Downtown revitalization. "Demolishing the building and making a parking lot won't do that."

But Councillor James Leduc warned of liability surrounding the mold issue, and Mayor Doug White noted, "Essentially, it's a liability now."

White suggested a decision should be made in the April 10 meeting of the Facilities Committee. "We must decide. It's dragged on for months already. If we can't even make a decision for one location and one building..."

Simpson agreed to deal with 31 Barrie St. on April 10 - but added, "We'll have St. Mary's Building on there too" - a reference to the St. Mary's Building at 31 Frederick St., which currently houses the Happy Sixties Seniors Club, CrossTrainers, Hand Up Clothing Room, The Hub Youth Drop in Centre, and the Coats for Kids Depot.

At the February 14 Facilities Committee meeting, a report listed all municipal properties and facilities, dividing them into 3 categories. Category A included buildings owned and directly operated by the Town, used to deliver municipal services and programs. The "A" List included the new Library and Leisure Centre, Bob Fallis Sports Centre, Bond Head Hall, the South Simcoe Police South Division, Fire Hall, and Finance Department at 61 Holland St. East - but also the old Bradford Community Centre, still in use for office space and special events, even though the ice is out; and the old Library at 100 Holland Court, which now houses Engineering Services.

Category B included buildings owned by the Town, but used by other parties to deliver community services and programs. There are only 4 -the Helping Hand Food Bank at 123 Moore St., the Council Chambers/Court house adjacent to the Treasury Building, Danube Seniors Leisure Centre at 715 Simcoe Rd., and the St. Mary's Hall.

The "C" List - unused and vacant buildings slated for disposal - had only one entry, the property at 31 Barrie.

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1 beaten egg 3/4 cup orange juice 1/4 cup oil
Pour the egg mixture into the dry ingredients and stir to mix just until the flour is moistened.
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Singing in the Sunshine?

The 2012 Sunshine List is now out - listing public servants and others on the public payroll who receive pay cheques and taxable benefits exceeding $100,000. And despite the struggling economy, cutbacks and deficits, the number of those pulling in 6 figures has burgeoned - to approximately 79,000 employees.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has 12 names on the list. At the top is BWG Town Manager James Currier, who has just returned to his post following a leave of absence, with a listed pay of $174,454.91 and nearly $8,500 in taxable benefits.

Director of Planning and Development Geoff McKnight received $152,621.88, plus $1,142.25 in taxable benefits.

Director of Engineering Deborah Korolnek received $150,895.31 plus $1,124 in taxable benefits.

Director of Leisure Services Tom Graham - $150,161.16, and $1,120 in taxable benefits.

Director of Finance Ian Goodfellow - $143,073.59, plus $1,067 in benefits.

Director of HR Kelly Losak - $127,443.83, plus $949.80.

CEO of the Library Liz Fenwick - $127,388.11, plus $949.80.

Clerk Patricia Nash - $120,959.90; the position is currently vacant, and Glen Knox is Acting Clerk.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallant - $120,922.53, plus $1,864.40.

Firefighter Captain Eric Park - $105,476.56, plus $671.

Superint. of Public Works Paul Feehely - $104,648.96, plus $737.

Manager of Water Ed O'Donnell - $100,738.58, plus $712.

The Town of Innisfil has 15 employees on the List - with top salary going to CAO John Skorobohacz, at $180,115.98.

The South Simcoe Police Service, a service shared by BWG and Innisfil, had 35 officers on the List.

Top salary was that of Police Chief Bruce Davis, at $328,092.02, plus $2,262.99 in taxable benefits - which reportedly includes a retirement package. Davis stepped down as of December 31, 2011; his replacement, John Beazley, was announced last week.

Deputy Police Chief Allan Cheesman received $163,430.31, plus $2,262.99 in taxable benefits.

Inspector Tom McDonald received $157,015.26, plus $6,866 in taxable benefits.

Inspector Kerry Emms received $144,848.06, plus $2,416.46.

Leaving out the taxable benefits, all 4 staff Sergeants and 9 Sgts. are on the list.

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Hunt $112,890.64; Staff Sgt. Brian Miller $115,329.72; Staff Sgt. John VanDyke $111,707.57; Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson $121,905.34.

Sgt. James Buchanan $105,983.36.
Sgt. John Chalmers $114,432.72.
Sgt. Lewis DaSilva $121,643.83.
Sgt Robert Eeles $112,671.36.
Sgt. Todd Ferrier $112,756.14.
Sgt. Charlie Hicks $111,815.72.
Sgt. Craig Johnson, $106,358.57.
Sgt. Brad Reynolds, $109,033.88.
Sgt. Sheryl Sutton $112,925.45.

Finance Manager Andrea Drover $106,858.88. As well, 17 Police Constables earned salaries above $100,000, ranging from $100,076.30, to a high of $112,631.78.

It's not an unusual number of officers to be earning in that range. The City of Barrie bad over 70 officers on the Sunshine List; the Niagara Regional Police had over 250.

What Council got paid in 2011

The Treasurer's report on Council and committee remuneration for 2011 has been filed - and the total comes to $272,572 for all BWG Boards, Committees and Council, plus another $19,128.85 in expenses.

The Mayor receives $34,818.90 (including benefits) plus a $3,000 mileage allowance and $540 for internet access. In addition, Mayor Doug White received $15,205.20 from the County of Simcoe for his attendance at County Council, $700 for his role on the Holland Marsh Drainage Commission, $900 for Special Meetings of Council, and $1,500 for Police Services Board meetings, for a total of $56,664.14. White also claimed $1,679 in expenses - including telephone, and additional mileage.

The Deputy Mayor's position pays $25,310.85 (incl. benefits) plus a $1,500 mileage allowance and $540 for Internet. In addition, Deputy Mayor Robert Keffer received $800 for attending Special Meetings of BWG Council, $14,823.20 from

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Back on the waters of Lake Simcoe

Warm weather and an early end to the ice on Lake Simcoe means that boaters are already on the water - and the South Simcoe Police Marine Unit has launched the Wardrop II for the 2012 season. The vessel, a 26' custom-built Harbercraft, works out of the Lefroy Harbour Resort marina, and in 2011 responded to 134 calls for service on Lake Simcoe and Kempenfelt Bay - including 46 Search and Rescue calls.

Police remind boaters that water temperatures are still hovering just above zero, and hypothermia is a danger.

Be sure to check all equipment before heading out on the Lake for the first time this Spring, and make sure everything is in working order. Always notify someone of your plans and proposed destination. Carry a fully-charged cell phone, in case of emergency. Ensure your vessel is equipped with all mandatory safety equipment, including distress flares, and always wear your personal flotation device (PFD) - it can't save a life, tucked under a seat. GPS devices are recommended; they can provide better information on exact location.

In the event of an emergency, police can be contacted on VHF channel *16 or by calling 911 from a cell phone.

Spring Fever?

South Simcoe Police recently nabbed 3 drivers for 'Stunt Driving" - a 23 year old Innisfil male travelling 127 kmph in a 50 kmph zone on the 7th Line of Innisfil, March 17; a 42 year old Tottenham man clocked at 103 kmph in a 50 kmph zone on the 7th Line of Innisfil, on Marcb 20; and a 22 year old Jackson's Point man travelling 122 kmph in a 60 kmph zone on County Rd. 88 in BWG on March 21. All had their licence suspended and vehicles impounded for 7 days - and a court date.

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MPP offers to share PC Platform

It's spring, and it's beginning to feel as if a Provincial election might be in the wind.

With the Minority Liberal government tabling its budget on March 27, the Provincial Progressive Conservatives have been speaking out on the Drummond Report, the burgeoning deficit and provincial debt, and the ORNGE air ambulance scandal - and presenting what appears to be a party platform for change.

MPP for York-Simcoe, Julia Munro chose the setting of Spring Tree Farm - an Innisfil business, started by a local entrepreneur - to talk about "what we're facing in the province today... and look at solutions."

Munro said that "with the current spending and lack of restraint, Don Drummond has given us the figure of a $30 billion deficit that we're marching towards," with no sign of leadership in Queen's Park to address the growing problem.

"The premier has ignored warnings from many experts. The rating bond agencies have said they have Ontario on watch," Munro said. "Certainly investors outside of the province are aware of the deficit and the growing debt."

Drummond predicted a $30 billion deficit by 2017-18, and a provincial debt that will climb from $215 billion, to $411 billion within 5 years, if changes aren't made to curb expenditures.

She called the Drummond Report "a very complex puzzle of many pieces," and warned that the McGuinty government has already pulled many of those pieces off the table - leaving the question of how it plans to tackle the deficit.

"You were given a blueprint. If you want to achieve a balanced budget, you have to do all these things," she said - adding that the PCs do not support all the recommendations in the Drummond Report, which range from larger classroom sizes and the elimination of full-day kindergarten, to changes to the health care system. "We're just commenting on this," she said, and questioning how the McGuinty government will achieve a balanced budget.

Munro then presented the Progressive Conservative proposals, beginning with "reducing the size and cost of government" - and starting with a mandatory public sector wage freeze.

She spoke of the need to restore accountability to government, making it the responsibility of individual Ministers to meet their budgets; and the need to pursue innovation and efficiency, particularly in relation to outsourcing and government contracts. "The whole purpose of procurement is to get the best deal for the taxpayer."

Munro also called for a review of the system of arbitration in wage disputes, where "there seems to be no regard for the ability of the municipality to pay. They're looking at things without the ability of the taxpayer to pay" - and a review of the whole functioning of the provincial government, and the more than 700 agencies currently on the books.

Beyond restoring accountability and efficiency to government, the MPP said, "Job creation is #1. When you have over half a million people in this province unemployed... you have a serious situation" - especially with even higher youth unemployment rates.

Among the solutions proposed by the PCs are more apprenticeships, especially in high-need fields; more affordable energy, and an end to the "unaffordable" subsidies for renewable energy and payments to export excess electricity.

Munro also called for "lower tax rates." Asked how lower tax rates make sense in a deficit situation, Munro said it was part of a strategy to boost the economy, and the job market. "The balance there is the critical piece. You can't have the lower tax rate without having the corresponding job creation."

She was also asked if her comments were leading up to a PC vote against the budget.

"We're certainly suspicious that we may not be able to support it," Munro said.

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) hosted a "Dolce Vita" Luncheon, March 22, for over 40 members of the Bradford and Holland Landing Wellness Program for Seniors. The event included music by singer Celeste Zugec, an Italian-themed luncheon with Cannelloni and bruschetta, and (above) a red, white and green cake decorated with a singing mouse chef, held by volunteer chefs Luigi and Mary D'Ambrosio and helpers.

letters to the editor

Deeply concerned

To the editor: Your story regarding the real cost of the reconstruction of Dissette/8th Line in the March 15 edition said "the news is not all grim..."

Are you kidding? By my calculation $21.2 million in construction costs is a 66% overage from the original $12 million estimate. Wow. If I made that kind of massive miscalculation in my business, I'd be out of business.

So Ms. Korolnek, Director of Engineering, is asked for a review of the cost over-run, and she says the taxpayer is on the hook for an estimated $3 million in long-term debt - "a $34 million road for $3 million." You say the "news is not all grim", that the taxpayers will not be billed the $34 million - but those monies will come from an Infrastructure grant (funded by taxpayers' dollars), gas tax revenues (and yes, I drive a car so those are also my taxes at work) and Reserve funds (is this some pot of gold that we can't use elsewhere?). Then 50% will come from Development Charges. These are not in the bank yet, it would appear - and even if they were, wouldn't that money be better spent elsewhere in Town, not to fund a gross miscalculation?

Really, was Ms. Korolnek kidding when she made her $3 million dollar statement? Does she not know that funding for anything municipal comes out of my pocket and yours? We as taxpayers should all be deeply concerned by a cost overrun that should have resulted in a road that was paved in gold.

Ralph de Winter, Bond Head

Spring uncovers 'problems'

To the editor: Now that the snow has melted, I am completely disgusted with the inconsiderate and lazy dog owners in this Town. These owners especially like to use the paths/walkways between the streets to let their canines do their business.

My dog has poops as big as the size of most of the dogs that these people are not cleaning up after. Even my 7 and 10 year olds know to 'stoop and scoop' if they are walking our dog.

To the dog owners: I have seen you running the other way when I call after you to clean up. I even have extra bags for you to use. If a child in your care had a messy diaper, would you change it and throw it on public property? No! So what makes this acceptable for you?

This is also happening at the Scanlon Creek Bark Park. The perimeter path is full of feces from dog owners not picking up after their pets. That is one of the first rules and regulations for using the park. And thanks to Bernadette of Paw & Claws, who provides the bags, if you have forgotten and run out. The caretakers of the park do not deserve the amount of work that will be required this Spring, to clean up this beautiful amenity.

Children are running around in this beautiful weather - stepping in or even falling into dog excrement. This is not acceptable. You wanted the dog; be a responsible owner and deal with all the responsibilities that dog ownership brings with it.

Vicky Zanatta, Bradford

Home Hardware to the rescue

To the editor: Having read a recent article in a local newspaper about Bradford Home Hardware, we could not agree more, about the "personalized, smiling service that keeps customers coming back." We certainly appreciate the assistance given by the staff. For the second time, we have received super service when dealing with a problem.

After discovering a burning odour in our

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home on a Sunday morning, we found the plug for our electric heater was burned into the plug-in receptacle. We did manage to pull it out. We stopped into Home Hardware on our way home from Church, and spoke to a young man named Mike about our situation.

Mike suggested we bring in both heater and receptacle. That afternoon, we took the heater and receptacle to Home Hardware, where Mike checked them out as far as he could, then suggested we leave the items there, for their expert in the electrical field to look at on Monday. We picked up the heater on Monday afternoon, fixed up like new for less than $10. The problem turned out to be the receptacle.

What great service. Thanks again to Jim Schaefer and staff!

Ruth & George Stamper, Bradford

CHATS Walk for Wellness

To the editor: CHATS' Walk for Wellness was a big success. Ninety-five people walked the equivalent of 3,600kms., raising $30,000 - $5,000 more than their goal.

It was interesting and challenging for me to play a part in this fundraising initiative. I must admit, I pushed myself hard to do more than 6,500 steps a day. In the end, my total was 45,550 steps, a little shy of the 50,000 by about 5,000 steps. Thanks to your support, I raised $1,255 for a worthwhile cause!

To help you with your exercising, consider this: A healthy adult should walk 10,000 steps per day, or their equivalent. Some examples - 30 min. of Yoga = 1,620 steps; 30 min. of swimming = 5,430 steps; 30 min. of running = a whopping 11,970 steps. It's fun really to buckle on a pedometer and see how you are doing!

June Chambers, Bond Head

From left, Celeste Zugec and Irene Abate join 92-year-old Zora Petejan in an Italian song, at CHATS' luncheon, Mar. 22.

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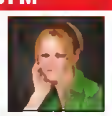

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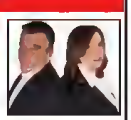

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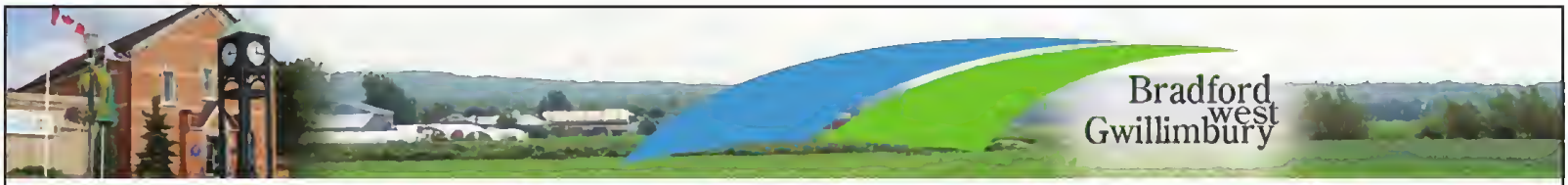
Raised bungalow on 40' lot in newer area of town. Ceramic & Hardwood flrs. throughout. Open concept main flr, modern kitchen w/ceramic backsplash & breakfast bar. W/o from kitchen to fully fenced yard w/interlock patio. Fully finished basement w/separate entrance, 2nd kitchen & 2 additional bdrms. **$379,900**

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY APRIL 1ST, 1-3PM
2532 NINTH LINE, BRADFORD

MARNI SMITH*

Gorgeous 4 Level Sidesplit!!! 3+1 bedroom & 2nd entrance to basement, 1/2 Acre, Country Property Close to Town! Crown Moulding, Hardwood, Ceramic, Newer Shingles, Windows, +++! **For more information please call Marni Smith.** **$447,888**



TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings.

If you wish to address Council or Committee of the Whole, please contact the Clerk's Department in writing with your submission and background information **by no later than 9 a.m. on the Monday, 8 calendar days preceding the Council meeting date.**

All Regular, Special and Committee of the Whole Meetings are held at the Council Chambers, Court House, 57 Holland Street East, Bradford, ON unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com

For further information, please contact the Clerk's Department at (905)775-5366.

Regular Meefings of Council & Committee of the Whole (after Council Meeting):

- Tues. Apr. 3/12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. Apr. 17/12 @7:00 p.m.
- Tues. May 1/12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Police Services Board
Mon. Apr. 16/12 Chief of Police Change of Command Ceremony 6:00 p.m., meeting @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Library Board
Mon. Apr. 16/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

Committee of Adjustment
Wed. Apr. 25/12 @ 6:30 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W

Housing for the Aging Population Committee
Wed. Apr. 18/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Active Transportation Committee
Thurs. Apr. 12/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road

Downfown Revifalization Committee
Wed. Apr. 4/12 @ 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Hall, 31 Frederick St.

Municipal Heritage Committee
Mon. Apr. 30/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

HMDSJMSB
Thurs. Apr. 12/12 @ 1:00 p.m., Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg

Fire & Emergency Services Committee
Mon. Apr. 2/12 @ 4:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Municipal Facilities Committee
Tues. Apr. 10/12 at 4:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W.

Ice Time Available

The Department of Leisure Services has opportunities for ice rentals. Please contact Teresa for information and availability, 905-775-5359 Ext.5202.
Come out and enjoy an hour ice time with family, or book it for a team hockey game.

NOTICES

HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM
JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD

ATTENTION:
HOLLAND MARSH LANDOWNERS

DO YOU OWN OR OPERATE A FARM?

This Notice is to remind landowners that the *registration deadline* for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program is fast approaching.

You are encouraged to contact the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs at 1-800-469-2285 to ensure your property is eligible and you are registered as soon as possible!

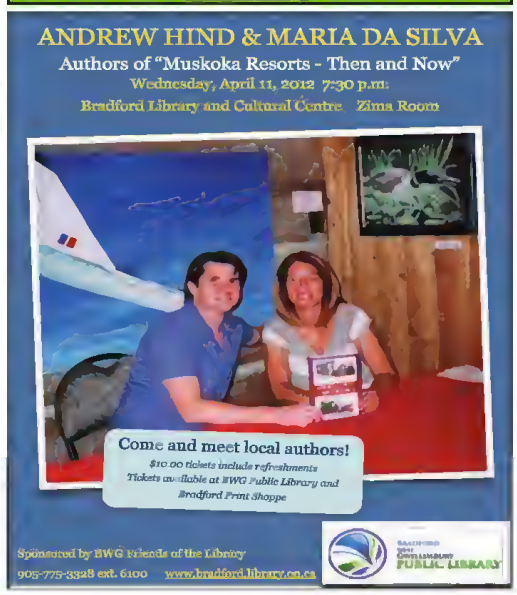
Public Invitation

Chief of Police
Change of Command Ceremony
South Simcoe Police Services Board

The South Simcoe Police Services Board is pleased to invite members of the public to the Change of Command Ceremony for new Chief of Police Richard Beazley.

The swearing in ceremony will take place on Monday April 16, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Library which is located at 425 Holland Street West, Bradford. Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony. The Police Service Board's regular board meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

LIBRARY



LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Preview Sale: FRIDAY, March 30
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Admission $10
Be among the first to purchase from the thousands of donated books.

Book Sale: SATURDAY, March 31
9:30 am - 3:00 pm.
No charge

BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY
425 Holland Street West
905-775-3328
bradford.library.on.ca

BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytime @ your library

Our FREE story programs are approximately 30 minutes in length and include books, stories, songs and finger plays. Storytime and Tales for Twos include a craft. Each story session lasts 6 weeks.

Spring registration begins April 4 for sessions beginning April 17 – May 23, 2012

Tuesdays:
Babytime (Creepers & Walkers) 9:45 -10:15 am

Wednesdays:

Tales for Twos (2 yrs)	9:45 - 10:15 am
Storytime (ages 3-6)	9:45 - 10:15 am
Tales for Twos (2 yrs)	10:45 - 11:15 am
Storytime (ages 3-6)	10:45 - 11:15 am

Thursdays:

Creepers (up to 12 mos.)	9:45 - 10:15 am
Storytime (ages 3-6)	9:45 - 10:15 am
Walkers (12-23 mos.)	10:45 - 11:15 am
Storytime (ages 3-6)	10:45 - 11:15 am

How to Register: by phone 905-775-3328 X 6114 or in person. Late registrations will be accepted if space permits.

Spring Programs include: Creative Activities, Art With Purpose, Kids Groove & Family Music. FREE programs include Drop-In Family Saturdays, Read-aholics, Chess Club & Teen Advisory Group.

VISIT US ON-LINE AND ON FACEBOOK!

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

BURNSIDE
[The Difference is our People]

Bradford West Gwillimbury

Revised Notice of Completion - Class Environmental Assessment
Proposed Middletown Sanitary Pumping Station and Forcemein – Schedule B Projects
Community Plen Aree 2

Background
In January 2003 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury completed a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Master Servicing Study (MSS) which recommended the design and construction of a sanitary pumping station (SPS) and related forcemain outlet to service future approved growth in Community Area 2 (CPA2), as identified in the Town's Official Plan. Development within CPA2 has proceeded according to the approved secondary plan OPA7 including the construction of municipal services including the Ritchie Stong SPS and a gravity sewer system. In order to complete the servicing of CPA2, the Middletown SPS and forcemain were expected to be required as part of the Master Plan adopted in 2003. At the time the MSS was completed, the Class EA guidelines required a review of projects recommended for implementation if construction has not been initiated within 5 years of the completion of the Class EA.

Revised Notice of Completion
A raview of the original MSS material and current planning and servicing design information was undertaken to evaluate the projects. This review is summarized in a Project File which is available for public and agency raview and comment as noted below. The review determined that the Middletown SPS and related forcemain projects are necessary to service the immediate area northeast of the intersection of Sideroad 10 and 6th Line due to topographic constraints. The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in the figure below. The peak design flow for both facilities is estimated to be 1,000 m^3/day based on approved service areas. A preliminary forcemain sizing of 100 mm diameter and 170 m long is recommended. Both the Middletown SPS and the forcemain outlet projects are confirmed as Schedule B activities in the Class EA guidelines.

Comments Invited
The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury invites public and agency review and comment of this Revised Notice of Completion. The Project File summarizing the review of the proposed projects is available for inspection at the Town of Bradford Engineering Services Department at the address noted below or on the Town's web site at:

http://www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca/TownHall/Engineering/TownProjectsConstruction/index.htm

Interested stakeholders (public and agencies) are invited to contact the staff below for further information. Following the Class EA guidelines, if there are no outstanding comments 30 days following publication of the Revised Notice of Completion, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury intends to proceed with the detailed design and construction of the projects. The 30 day review period will end on April 30 at 4:30 pm.

Fiona Christiansen, M.Sc
Manager, Environmental Assessment
R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited
292 Speedvale Ave. West Unit 20
Guelph, ON, N1H 1C4
Tel) 519 823 4995
Fax) 519 836 5477
E-mail: fchristiansen@rjburnside.com

Mr. Jon Morton, P.Eng., PMP, MBA
Manager of Capital Projects
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Engineering Services Department
100 Holland Court
Bradford, ON, L3Z 2A9
Tel) 905 778 2055
Fax) 905 778 2070
E-mail: jmorton@townofbwg.com

The map above shows the approximate project locations.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.
This Notice issued on March 29, 2012.

NOTICES

NOTICE
OFFICE CLOSURE – EASTER WEEKEND

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Administration Centre will be closed for Good Friday on Friday, April 6th 2012 and Easter Monday on Monday April 9th 2012. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday April 10th 2012

To view the holiday hours of operation for our recreational facilities as well as program opportunities, please visit www.townofbwg.com

For public works and after hours Town related emergencies please contact 905 775 3311 during business hours, please contact 905 775 2055 and follow the voice prompts The Town will [illegible] to provide essential [illegible] emergency [illegible] during this time.

Have a safe and happy Easter Weekend.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 21st day of March 2012.

Glen Knox, Acting Municipal Clerk

HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM
JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

WEST CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that West Canal Bank Road (King) from Highway 9 to 5 Side Road (BWG) may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321 Please leave your name, phone number and your concerns and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

NORTH CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that North Canal Bank Road (BWG) from Tornado Drive to Fraser Street will be closed to through traffic due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Road closure will commence in the area described above from March 28 - 30, 2012

A suggested detour route for eastbound travellers would be to utilize Tornado Drive and then Fraser Street, to regain access to North Canal Bank Road. For westbound travellers, detouring at Fraser Street to Tornado Drive will provide access to North Canal Bank Road.

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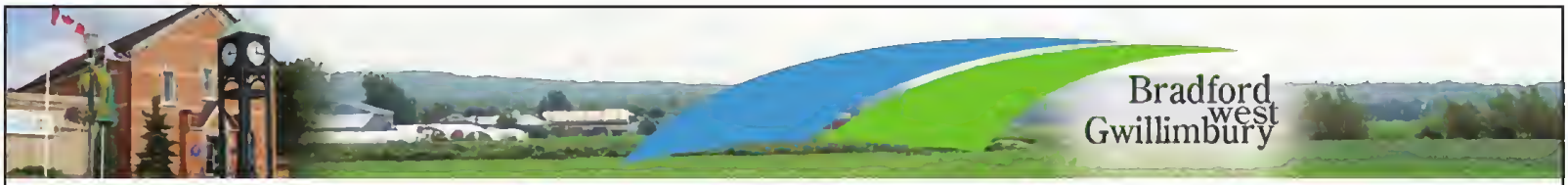

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NEWCOMER CHAMPION AWARDS

The Ontario Newcomer Champion Awards recognize individuals and groups who have made a difference in their community and province. Award recipients are champions of voluntarism, supporters of newcomers, and advocates of greater social and civic inclusion.

For more information or to nominate someone for this award, visit www.ontario.ca/honorsandawards

Canada Revenue Agency Volunteer Tax Preparation Clinic

NEED A HAND TO PREPARE YOUR TAX RETURN?

If you are unable to prepare your income tax and benefit return yourself, the CVITP may be able to help you. The CVITP assists **eligible** taxpayers who have low income, and simple, non-complex tax situations.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library is an official clinic site for Income Tax Preparation Assistance. To book an appointment with a trained volunteer just ask at the Information Desk or call 905-775-3328 X 6109. Remember to bring all your tax papers and forms with you including your last notice of assessment.

The laptop being used by the CVITP volunteers was purchased thanks to the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport .

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

These suggested maximum income levels should serve as a guideline only.

Taxpayer status	Family income
Single	Up to $25,000
Couple	Up to $35,000
One adult with child	Up to $30,000
Family	Up to $40,000

Volunteers **do not** prepare tax returns for complex situations such as:

- returns for deceased persons;
- individuals who file for bankruptcy;
- self-employed individuals;
- individuals who report capital gains or losses; or
- individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

Eligible taxpayers normally served by the CVITP include:

- Aboriginal peoples;
- Low-income individuals and social assistance recipients;
- Newcomers to Canada;
- Seniors; and
- Students.

For more information about this free service or to get information on community organizations in your area that participate in the CVITP, call us at 1-800-959-8281 or visit www.cra.gc.ca

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library

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bradford.library.on.ca

NOTICES

Notice of Construction Commencement

The Town has retained a contractor to begin the reconstruction of Toronto Street, James Street and Hurd Street. Reconstruction of underground infrastructure, sidewalk, curbs and asphalt is scheduled to begin the week of April 2, 2012. Completion of works is slated for October 31, 2012.

Please exercise caution when driving or walking in or near the construction zone and consider alternate routes where possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Engineering Department at 905-778-2055.

Town Wide Spring Flushing

Residents are advised that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Water Division will be starting their town wide annual program of flushing water hydrants. Water will be run at every hydrant to ensure a clean and fresh water supply for our municipal water customers.

This program will start on Monday March 19, 2012 and will run until Friday April 28, 2012. The flushing will take place during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

We hope to undertake the work on an area-by-area basis, but as the work may affect adjacent areas, we ask all customers to be patient during this time.

Should you experience discoloured water, please flush your system in the laundry tub and bath room for up to 10 minutes. If the water doesn't clear, please call our office at 905-778-2055 ext. 2100.

We thank all residents for their continuing assistance and cooperation.

Department of Leisure Services Programs

Public Skating

Friday evenings – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – last day – March 30
Saturday afternoons – 3:30 – 5:30 - p.m. – last day – March 31
Sunday afternoons – 1:30 – 3:30p.m. – April 1
at the new BWG Leisure Centre
471 West Park Avenue, Bradford

On-line registration for Summer Leisure Programs begins Monday, March 26,, 2012
In person registration for Summer Leisure Programs begins Tuesday April, 3, 2012
On-line registration for Summer Aquatics Programs begins Monday June 4, 2012
In person registration for Summer Aquatics Program begins Tuesday June 12, 2012

Please ensure your customer account creation form is submitted to the Leisure Centre Customer Service Desk.
For more information – check out the Winter/Spring Leisure Guide and the Summer Leisure Guide.
The Guides can also be found on the town website at
www.townofbwg.com

Account Creation form: first step is to fill out a Customer Account Creation form and drop off at the Leisure Centre at 471 West Park Avenue. (this is available on the Town website at www.townofbwg.com)

For details call (905) 775-PLAY (7529) or email
leisureservices@townofbwg.com

NOTICES

Bradford West Gwillimbury
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New or Expanding Business Owners

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Economic Development and the Bradford Board of Trade in partnership with Nottawasaga Futures is offering seminars to help the start up or expansion of local businesses

FREE SEMINARS
offered monthly
pre-registration requested
905-775-5366 ext 2235 - ykramer@townofbwg.com
www.bradfordbusinessfactory.com - events page

Nottawasaga Futures is a non profit organization working to create and maintain jobs by investing in small businesses and providing services to local businesses

Guest Speaker: *Eve Kurschner* from Nottawasaga Futures
What you will learn
- How to create a business plan
- How to apply to the loan funds available
- What resources are available to businesses
- Visit the bradford WORKS employment services centre

Dates:
Thursday April 26th, 9:00 am
Thursday May 31st, 11:00 am
Thursday June 28th 2:30 pm

Where: bradford WORKS community employment services, 95 Holland Street West, Bradford, ON

Watch for our Lunch & Learn Session too!

Go Green. Save Money.
Green Economy Centre
Free Business Workshop Series

Energy Savings Workshop for Small Business

- How your business can reduce energy costs
- Money saving incentives for your business from Enbridge Gas Distribution and PowerStream
- Benefits of Energy Audits from RePower Canada™ Inc

"I took advantage of the energy incentives offered by my hydro company. I had energy efficient lighting installed by a PowerStream contractor and I found the process quick and hassle free."

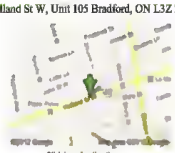
Nancy's Nifty Nook, Bradford ON

Time

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
11 45 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch provided

Place

Bradford Works
95 Holland St W, Unit 105 Bradford, ON L3Z 2A7



Click here for directions

Space is limited. To register, contact Wendy by **Friday, March 30**
1-800-509-7554 or by email at wendy@nottawasaga.com.

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Nottawasaga Futures: 39 Victoria St E PO Box 184, Alliston ON L9R 1V6
Alliston 705.435.1540 Bradford 905.775.9119 Innisfil 705.436.3808 Toll Free 1 800.509.7554 Fax 705.435.3667 Website: www.nottawasaga.com

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NOTICES

SUNSHINE YOGA

Mommy & Baby (6 weeks – 8 months)

MONDAYS 9:15am – 10:00am

FITNESS STUDIO (2nd level)

All levels welcome. Don't forget to bring a blanket for baby☺

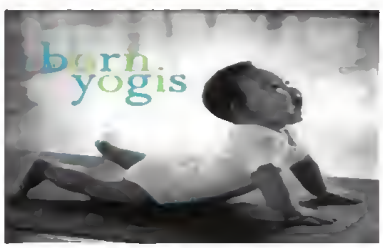
Drop in with a Fitness Membership or $10 Single Visit

Regain **STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY**

Increase **BOND** with baby

Make new **FRIENDS**

No worries, just go with the flow.



BWG LEISURE CENTRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE
BWG FITNESS CENTRE at (905) 775-7529 x8601

Danielle Charron, with the Heart & Stroke Foundation, accepts cheque at St. Jean de Brebeuf School, from 2 of the top fundraisers, in the annual Jump Rope for Heart.

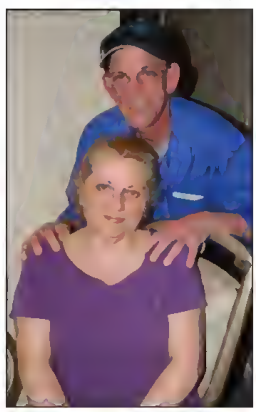
This is the 9th year that St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic elementary school has raised funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, through Jump Rope for Heart. Staff & students fell shy of their goal, of raising $4,700 - but still exceeded last year's total, by bringing in $4,671.90.
Danielle Charron, of the Foundation, was at the school on March 22 to present certificates and prizes, and "to thank you and to celebrate... You are an amazing school community!"
Charron told students they had raised more than many larger schools - and that the money would go towards the purchase of life-saving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Giving the gift of Life

Lorraine and Steve Duncan have an unusual bond: They both are live kidney donors - she to her oldest sister Catherine, he to Lorraine's second-oldest sister, Doreen.

When Lorraine was growing up in Sharon, Ontario, the youngest of six siblings, she believed that she carried the gene for PKD - Polycystic Kidney Disease.

It's an inherited condition that results in the development of cysts within the kidneys, leading to reduced kidney function, and eventual kidney failure. Her dad had PKD, and required a kidney transplant. An older brother was on dialysis for 8 years, before passing away. And her oldest sister, Catherine, was experiencing renal failure.



Then in 2000, new tests provided the news: "Out of 6 siblings, 2 of us didn't have it." For Lorraine, that meant one thing: she could donate a kidney to her sister.

"She needed it," Lorraine says. "We found out we 2 didn't have (PKD), we would never get it, so we were able to donate."

The process is called "Live Donor Kidney Transplant." Live donation is possible because the body has 2 kidneys, which work at 50% capacity; when one is removed, the remaining kidney picks up 100% of the function.

Today, more kidneys are transplanted from living donors, than from post mortem donation. For one thing, it allows more time to find a good match, and to plan for the surgery. It's a faster procedure, with a shorter wait time. And the transplanted kidney tends to be healthier, beginning to work faster than a kidney from a deceased donor.

It was also easy, Lorraine says. The surgery was carried out at Toronto General Hospital, by Dr. Michael Robinette. "Physically, you don't even know afterwards."

Although Catherine died in 2009 of cancer, the kidney transplant "gave her a lot of years to enjoy," Lorraine says - years free of dialysis, "because dialysis is very restrictive."

And the action of his wife inspired Steve Duncan to step up when Lorraine's sister Doreen began to exhibit symptoms of PKD last year.

"I grew up in the city - you never think of that stuff," Steve says. "She (Lorraine) is the one that got me donating."

At first, though, Steve didn't think he could give a kidney - "He thought you had to be related," Lorraine says - but a battery of tests over a 2 day period found that he was actually a better match than any of Doreen's close relatives, and from that point on, he says, "There was no hesitation for me."

The operation was performed at Toronto General, by Dr. Robinette - the same doctor who performed transplant surgery for Lorraine's father and older sister.

"The people down there are amazing," says Steve. He spent 3 days in hospital, and was back to work at Walmart in 3 weeks. The company was "100%" supportive of his decision to donate, letting him ease his way back into work, at his own speed.

And Doreen made a great recovery, going from 23 pills a day, to taking only 3 to 4 anti-rejection pills. She never had to go on dialysis.

The donation has also created a special bond between family members.

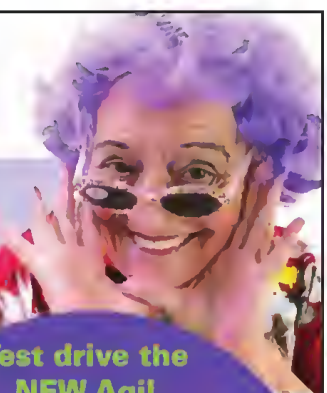
"It's a nice thing, when you do it," says Lorraine, that has a visible and obvious result: Saving a life.

But sadly, notes Steve, "There's not that many people that do it." And that, says Lorraine, "is a shame."

Learn more about Live Organ Donation - of a kidney, bone marrow, or section of liver - at Trillium Gift of Life Network, ***www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/***

And even if you're not considering live donation, says Steve, "sign your driver's licence and be a donor - it can save 7 or 8 people." He's already signed his card, "for the rest of my body parts!"

HEAR WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .
ABOUT **YOU!**



*"I told her, 'I like Violet's hair.' Not **violet** hair!"*

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Wear the Agil Instruments in your daily life and prepare to be impressed!

Test drive the NEW Agil Hearing Instrument!

- Free hearing test (55+, no medical referral)
- New 3 year unlimited warranty
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The Elvis Show is coming to the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., this Saturday, March 31 - featuring two award-winning Elvis Tribute Artists, John Cigan and Matt Dowsett, backed up by Gerie & The Koasters, and The Tonettes. Tickets for "***Blue Suede Shoes: Memories of the King***" are $25 per person, available at 905-775-0612 or from EPC Management, 905-775-2936. Tickets can also be purchased at Nancy's Nifty Nook, 152 Holland St. East, and M & M Meat Shops, 478 Holland St. West. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Refreshments available at intermission.

Note: there will be a presentation of $4,000 to the Vitality Campaign, a fundraiser for the new BWG Leisure Centre, and the naming of a women's change room. The funds were raised by last year's big concerts at the Centre.

Don't miss Memories of the King!

At the Bradford Legion Branch 521

The Bradford Legion is located at 115 Back St. in Bradford. Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 6 p.m. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. On the first Friday of the month enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. following the Meat Roll. **Note: In April, Karaoke night will be Friday, April 13 (the 1st Friday is Good Friday!)** All welcome.

April's **Euchre** will be held on Saturday, April 28, with registration at 1 p.m., and play beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall - bumped back a week by bookings. Only $10 to play.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Debbie at 905-775-5025.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

Probus Club Meets

The Probus Club of Bradford, a social club for retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people will meet Tuesday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940-10 Sideroad in Bradford.

Guest speaker is Jayne Pritchard of CTV Barrie, on the *Health and Wellness of Mature Adults.* Coffee, tea and treats available - new members welcomed.

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A new Pink Closet location

Miriam King photo, Bradford Times

Cindy Cordeau of The Pink Closet, with offerings for Spring. The Pink Closet is celebrating its 7th anniversary in 2012, selling women's clothing and accessories in Bradford. It is now located at 444 Holland St. West - co-located with the Bradford Skin Clinic, in a new building near Hakim Optical. The store's reputation has spread beyond the boundaries of Bradford: Rogers TV will be at The Pink Closet on Thursday afternoon, March 29, shooting a fashion segment for York Region Living.

The art is to keep your money

by James McNeill, The Mortgage Centre

Really, there are only 3 choices. You can make money, save money, or spend money.

Spending money is the easiest thing to do, yet the most dangerous. What should you spend your money on? Food and shelter are necessities, but after that, what? Your future? Possessions? Experiences?

It is much harder these days to distinguish between 'wants' and 'needs' - but therein lies the secret.

You may be waist deep in debt, or just not saving enough money - but if money has begun to consume most of what little time you have at the end of the day, then maybe it's time you got your life back in balance. Dare I say it? It's time to Budget!

At the end of the day, it is truly the only way to liberate you from money.

At one time I read only for pleasure. Now, with the introduction of the internet, and access to libraries of information on every topic imaginable, I find myself researching my every thought or idea - and that's where I discovered one of the easiest methods of budgeting.

It comes from the book, "All Your Worth," written by Elizabeth Warren and Amelia Warren Tyagi. In the book, they describe a simple method called the 50/30/20 Rule.

In other words, 50% of your net earnings should be spent on necessities, 30% on your wants (hey, you have to live a little!), and 20% on your future.

It is easy to set up, and simple to maintain - but one element they failed to consider is the "emergency fund." Without an emergency fund, all budgets fail - because a budget is just a plan, and without an emergency fund, your plan will be knocked off course the first time something happens outside of its parameters.

We all know that pursuit of money is not the whole goal, in having a great life. But without a plan, money - or the lack of it - can take over your life. "If you don't think about a plan for your money, then your money will be all you think about!"

Once you get started, and have the right plan in place, money slides into the background, and you can focus on the life you want to live.

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Business News

The BWG Office of Economic Development and Bradford Board of Trade are partnering with Nottawasaga Futures to present free seminars to assist the **Start-up or Expansion of local businesses**. Information on how to create a business plan, apply to loan funds, access the resources at bradfordWORKS employment services, and more. At bradfordWORKS, 95 Holland St. W., Unit 105 on Thursday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m. Free; pre-register at 905-775-5366 ext. 2235 or ***ykramer@townofbwg.com***

Local employers and job seekers are invited to participate in the **2012 Innisfil Spring Job Fair** being held on Monday, April 2, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd. Admission is free. The goal of the Job Fair is to involve all types of employers offering job opportunities that include part-time, full-time, contract or long-term permanent positions, in the retail, bospitality, health care, skilled labour and other fields. Employers can register for the Spring Job Fair at ***jdonaldson@northernlightscanada.ca*** or by calling 705-431-6913 ext. 4110. Organized by Northern Lights Canada, Town of Innisfil, and the Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce, funded in part by the Government of Canada.

Energy Savings Workshop for Small Business, Weds., April 4 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at bradfordWORKS, 95 Holland St. West, Unit 105. Learn about energy savings programs from Enbridge and PowerStream. Register by March 30, at 1-800-509-7554 or ***wendy@nottawasaga.com*** Lunch is included.

Business After Hours networking with the Bradford Board of Trade, Thursday, April 5, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dominion Lending Centre, 9 Holland St. W. $5 for BBT members, $10 for Non-members. Register at ***bradfordboardoftrade.com*** Light refreshments

What BWG Council got paid in 2011

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the County of Simcoe, $325 in Conference per diems, and $1,273.92 plus $646 in mileage from the NVCA, for a total of $45,219.33. He claimed $1,195.16 in expenses.

Councillor Del Crake - salary and benefits $17,146.42, plus $1,500 mileage, $500 Special Meetings of Council, $540 Internet, $350 Conference per diems, $1000 plus $142 in mileage from the LSRCA, for a total of $21,178.42. He also claimed $1,909.68 in expenses.

Councillor James Leduc - $17,794.71 salary/benefits, $1,500 mileage, $900 for Special Meetings of Council, $540 internet, $800 conference per diems, for a total of $21,534.71 plus $2,030.38 in expenses.

Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. - $19,962 salary/benefits, $1,500 mileage, $700 for Special meetings of Council, $540 internet, $1000 conference per diems, for a total of $23,702.72. He claimed $3122 in expenses (incl. 2 conferences).

Councillor Ron Simpson - $19,423 salary/benefits, $1,500 mileage, $1,300 for special meetings of Council, $540 internet, $800 conference per diems, and about $244 from the NVCA (per diem and mileage), for a total of $23.807.83, plus $2857.50 in expenses.

Councillor Carl Hordyk - $17,778.31 salary/benefits, $1,500 mileage, $900 special meetings, $540 internet access, and $1,000 honorarium for Library Board, for a total of $21,718.31, and $736.73 in expenses.

Councillor Raj Sandhu - $17,740.81 in salary/benefits, $1,500 mileage, $900 special meetings, $540 internet, $400 conference per diems, for a total of $21,080.81 plus $2,100 in expenses.

Councillor Gary Lamb - $17,715.78 salary/benefits, $1,500 mileage, $900 special meetings, $540 internet, $600 Holland Marsh Drainage Commission, for a total of $21,255.78 plus $732.56 in expenses.

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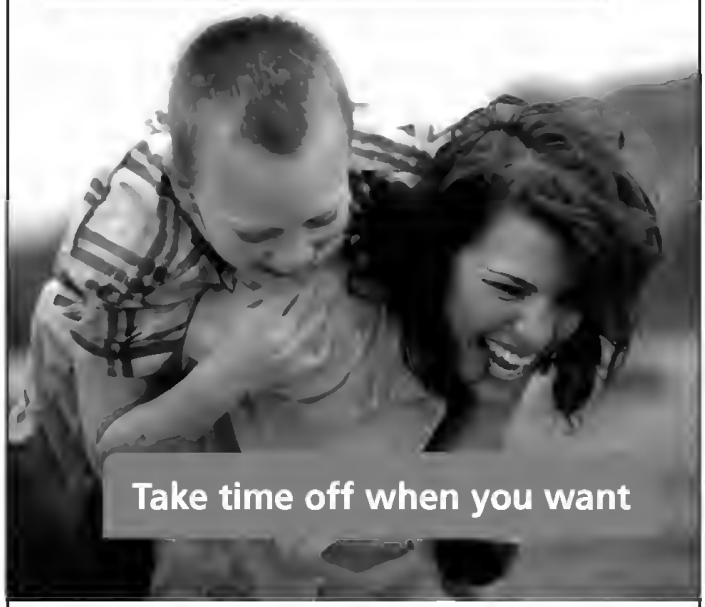

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Shave for the Brave!

Bradford - The Fred C. Cook Puhlic School community has heen husy raising funds for Young Adult Cancer Canada, through two fundraisers - "Shave for the Brave" and "Cut Back for Cancer." Young Adult Cancer Canada is the leading support and advocacy organization in Canada for Young Adults with cancer.

Shave for the Brave challenges students and adults to either cut 10" of their hair, to he donated to make wigs for those undergoing chemotherapy, or shave off all their hair, and raise funds for YACC.

In fact, according to the Shave for the Brave wehsite (***www.shaveforthebrave.ca***), Fred C. Cook is currently 2nd in fundraising, out of all participating schools across Canada. On Friday, March 31, over 50 students, parents and community memhers will step up to he shaved, starting at 1:45 p.m. Town Councillor Raj Sandhu will open the event, Ian Brownlee will emcee, and Volunteer Firefighters plan to make a cheque presentation - in between sweeping up hair!

Support from the community has been tremendous. Local husinesses have helped advertise the coming "shave off", displaying Shave for the Brave posters in their windows, and providing incentive prizes for the kids. Local stylists have stepped forward to donate their time and skills.

And Wendy's Restaurant plans to continue the fundraiser by hosting their own Shave for the Brave event, from 5 to 9 p.m. - donating a portion of all sales to FCC during that time period, and holding a head-shaving for their own employees and additional community members at 7 p.m.

Come out, and support an incredihle community fundraiser!

March 31 - Earth Hour Lefroy Earth Hour Cafe

The Annual Grange Cafe for Earth Hour will take place Saturday, March 31 at Lefroy's Grange Hall, heginning at 7 p.m. Poor Tom will entertain, joined by special guests, and the kitchen will again he offering the usual treats - including a fresh-haked chocolate chip cookie with ice cream. Come out for candlelight, good food, and great music only $12 per person in advance, $15 at the door - if space is availahle. Seating is limited! For ticket information, contact Andrea at 705-436-7171.

This year, there will be a Gift Bag Auction - and all of the proceeds will go to the Nantyr Shores Secondary School's ECOS (Environmentally Conscious Organization of Students) project to equip the school with Solar Panels. The initiative has raised $25,000 to date, towards the installation of solar panels on the school's roof - a $35,000 project.

Earth Hour Concert

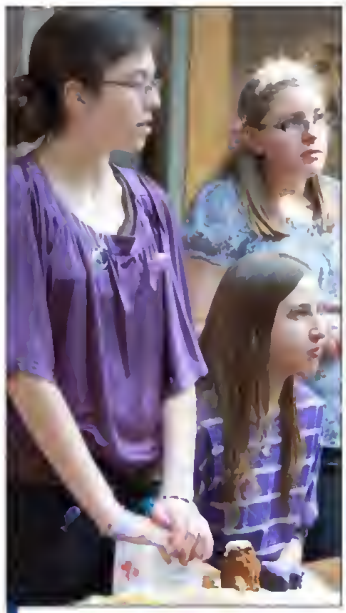
PowerStream is encouraging customers to participate in Earth Hour 2012, and turn off their electronics from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 31. The company will he powering down the lights at its 3 locations, in Vaughan, Markham and Barrie - and hosting the Barrie Earth Hour Music Festival - a free concert outside of the Barrie City Hall, from 6 to 10:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. sharp, the lights will go out and the music will turn acoustic. Headliners include Les Stroud, The Coalition, The Rockafellers, Stacey Jamieson, and Transistor. Last year, PowerStream recorded a territory-wide electricity reduction of 8.9% - a savings of 86.7 megawatts, or enough electricity to power 2,627 average homes for 24 hours.

Innisfil Hydro Earth Hour

Innisfil Hydro and the Innisfil Public Library present an Earth Hour family event, Saturday, March 31 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Innisfil Recreation Centre, Yonge St.

Crafts, live entertainment and more, with the goal of building awareness of the importance of conserving energy and reducing everyone's carbon footprint.

So turn off the lights at home, and come out to mark Earth Hour. Participants will receive a free luminary wish kit and be invited to make a "conservation wish" - a commitment to undertake an action to reduce energy demand and carbon footprint. Up to 400 kits will he placed together at the start of Earth Hour, spelling out "Innisfil Wishes"! Last year, energy use was reduced by 2.5% during Earth Hour.... This year, Innisfil Hydro hopes to heat that!



On March 26, sisters Daniela and Vanessa and friends held a bake sale and handed out pamphlets from Epilepsy Simcoe County, for Purple Day, at Holy Trinity High School. Purple Day was founded by Nova Scotia teen Cassidy Megan in 2008, to make people more aware - and less prejudiced or fearful of people with epilepsy. The sisters have organized purple days for the past 3 years, in Bradford.

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Progress 2012

Bradford West Gwillimbury is a young Town, formed by amalgamation in 1991 - but its component parts have a long history. The Township of West Gwillimbury has welcomed settlers since the early 1800s. And Bradford, first settled circa 1831, was incorporated as a village in 1857.

Bradford was strategicaly located on the Old Plank Road, linking the bustling community of Bond Head, with Holland Landing - the capital of Simcoe County. It came to prominence with the arrival of the railway in 1853, and even more with the drainage and cultivation of the Holland Marsh in 1925-1930. But nothing in its history has been comparable to the growth of the past few years.

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Mayor's Message: BWG today, and

Shortly after the last Municipal election, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council developed our Strategic Plan for the 2010-2014 term. Over 2 days, we reached consensus as to what our top priorities would be - and more importantly, where we should invest your hard-earned tax dollars. We are determined to continue along the path begun by the previous Council.

Exciting things are happening, when it comes to recreation.

Our new Leisure Centre is now open for business, and our residents are thrilled with the array of amenities - 2 ice pads, gym, running track, fitness centre and meeting rooms. By the end of April, the aquatic centre will open, providing programming for swimmers of all ages. At the time of writing, hundreds of residents have purchased memberships, and the building is an exciting hub of activity, day and night.

Next door is the Library and Cultural Centre - a multi-media and multi-purpose gathering place. It thrilled me to see so many students cramming for their high school exams earlier in the year. Local art displays, public meetings and youth programming are some of the regularly scheduled activities.

Council will continue to expand our trail network, eventually linking all corners of town. Whether you walk, jog, rollerblade or bike, these trails will allow you to exercise safely amidst hectares of green space.

Last year, we refurbished our tennis courts and will soon construct two splash pads.

It is our goal to have parks that are among the best in the province. We continue to add to our inventory every year - an inventory that will soon include the Henderson property, at the 8th Line and 10 Sideroad. We are developing a Master Plan for these 97 acres, to ensure it will become a high profile and well-used outdoor activity area.

While dozens of new businesses have opened along Holland St. West, Council wants to ensure the long-term viability of our traditional downtown core. Many residents have told us they want our downtown to be vibrant, beautiful and pedestrian friendly. We established a Downtown Revitalization Committee, and they have already offered a series of exciting suggestions.

In 2013-14, Holland St. will be reconstructed. While this is a significant project, it will ensure the downtown core strikes the right balance between pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There will be considerable public consultation. Council recently designated the downtown as a Community Improvement Area - which will allow us to develop a suite of incentives, to encourage redevelopment and investment.

The Town is taking the lead by investigating the possibility of building a new Administration Building downtown. Developers have told us quite candidly that they are more likely to invest and make improvements if the Town itself makes a significant commitment. This will help achieve our main vision for the downtown: More people living and working there, with these folks becoming a built-in market for new and existing shops.

We are on track to have public transit by Fall. Working with an expert in the field, we have developed a strategy to transport people along Holland St., get them to and from the GO Train station, and provide occasional service

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Bradford west Gwillimbury

A Growing Tradition

2010-2014 Town Council

On behalf of Town Council, it gives me great pleasure to share the many accomplishments of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury in this Progress edition of the BWG Times.

The Town has come a long way in a short time and it's good to look back at where we were. We still have many things that we would like to accomplish and we're up for the challenge.

If you have any questions or concerns you can always contact myself or your Councillor through the Town's offices at 905-775-5366.

Doug White, Mayor

tomorrow

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to Bond Head.

The Holland Marsh Drainage System Improvement Project continues to proceed ahead of schedule. This will protect the most valuable farmland in the country from flooding. Part of the canal system is being relocated, while other sections are being dredged. The road will be moved away from the canal, enhancing safety.

During the rest of this term, there will be considerable investment in infrastructure. We will continue to improve and expand our road network, and our water and wastewater systems. The southeast arterial road will link Dissette St./Holland St. East to Simcoe Rd. The southwest arterial will link 5 Sideroad to a new interchange at Hwy. 400 and the 5th Line. These projects will ensure traffic moves smoothly through town.

Finally, Council will continue to focus attention on our top priority: Economic Development. Nothing is more impactful to Bradford West Gwillimbury's future than expanding our non-residential tax base, allowing the Town to provide new and better services to families while keeping property taxes reasonable.

Our Town of the future will have thousands of jobs, in the 2000 acres of employment lands along Hwy. 400. As well, our Economic Development office will continue to encourage existing businesses to expand, and provide support to those establishing new businesses. BWG is now a place where you can find virtually every product or service you need.

Even as the Town continues to expand, both in population and employment, we still have a vast expanse of agricultural land - and we will always have the wonderful rural-urban mix that makes this such a marvellous place to live and raise a family.

- Doug White, Mayor

Partners in Growth

From the Hon. Peter Van Loan, York-Smcoe MP

Everywhere across Bradford West Gwillimbury, you can see the positive impact of Federal Government economic stimulus investment at work. From a new library and new Leisure centre, to significant road construction, the Conservative Economic Action Plan has made a positive difference for local residents.

Federal investment has created jobs and economic growth. As a result of the influx of federal funds and matching provincial dollars, much has been done - with property taxes carrying only a small portion, keeping local taxes down. The result has been a better quality of life for residents, and better services.

Recent population growth in Bradford, and a number of shovel-ready projects on Bradford West Gwillimbury's books, coincided with the large and timely investments made by the Conservative government, in response to the global recession in 2008. Almost immediately, construction crews were out rebuilding roads, and building new places for residents to meet, play and gather, all the while providing much-needed economic benefit.

The investment will also benefit quality of life for years to come. The new 158,000 sq. ft., $33 million Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre received $16.4 million in federal and provincial monies, to provide residents with 2 ice rinks, 3 pools, a gym, full fitness centre and indoor walking track.

The new Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and Cultural Centre received over $7 million in federal-provincial grants, and has already become a hub for community events and activities.

There has also been an investment in road

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The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury was successful in winning over $28 million in Infrastructure Stimulus Funding.

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Looking to the future...

Geoff McKnight, Director of Development

In accordance with various Provincial, County and Municipal planning documents the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will grow to become a community of 50,000 people and 18,000 jobs by the year 2031. Growth, over this 20 year timeframe, represents a near doubling of the Town's current population/employment.

After extensive public consultation in the late 1990s, Town Council adopted its Official Plan in 2000, setting out the policies that will guide growth within the municipality, while preserving agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive areas.

Much of the planned residential growth will occur in five new neighbourhoods, known as Community Plan Areas.

- **Community Plan Area 1** - south of the 6th Line, and north of Canal Rd., on either side of Simcoe Rd. The current population is 500; in future, the population will reach 3,000. Developers Bradford Capital Corp. and Bradford East Developments have submitted Subdivision applications now under review. Construction may commence in 2 to 3 years.

- **Community Plan Area 2** - west of Melbourne Drive, east of 10 SR between Holland St. West and the 6th Line. Current population in this new area is about 3,600, but will grow to 8,000. The majority of residential lands are approved and under development by Mod-Aire Homes, Tiberian and Brookfield Homes. Activity will be focused at the west end of the neighbourhood for the next several years.

- **Community Plan Area 3** - west of Professor Day Dr., east of Langford Blvd., between Holland St. West and the 8th Line. The population is now 1,500, but will reach 4,900. Most of the residential lands are approved and being developed by Great Gulf and National Homes.

- **Community Plan Area 4** - between the 8th Line and the Hwy. 400-404 Link corridor, west of Barrie St. Current population is 1,500; future population is 5,000. Most of the residential lands are approved and currently under development by Metrus and Lormel Homes.

- **Community Plan Area 5** - this is an area south of Line 9 but north of the Hwy. 400-404 Link corridor, east of Barrie St. Although the future population is listed at 1,100, the area currently houses fewer than 100 people, and development is inactive at this time.

A considerable amount of residential growth is also expected to occur through infill and redevelopment opportunities within the established areas of Bradford, especially east of Melbourne/Professor Day, and south of the 8th Line. Approximately 2,000 additional people are expected over the next 20 years, through intensification of the downtown core, along Holland and Bridge streets.

The only area outside of the Bradford urban area expected to experience significant population growth is the hamlet of Bond Head. The community is currently home to approximately 600 people, and will grow to 4,500 by 2031. Subdivision applications are currently under review, and housing construction is expected to begin no sooner than 2 to 3 years down the road.

A significant amount of employment growth is also expected over the next 20 years. Much of that growth will occur in the Highway 400 employment corridor - from the 8th Line south to the 5th Line, and from Sideroad 5 to one lot east of Hwy. 400. A new interchange will be constructed at Line 5

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improvement projects. The widening of Dissette St. and the 8th Line diverts truck traffic away from Holland St. and improves traffic movement through the town. The reconstruction of streets like Colborne and installation of new watermains are already a benefit to local neighbourhoods.

As Bradford continues to grow, the future of development looks very bright. While temporary stimulus funding is coming to an end, we have also guaranteed municipalities like Bradford West Gwillimbury a portion of the Federal Gas Tax, to assist in funding future infrastructure projects. This amount has recently doubled, and been made permanent. Projects are chosen locally, and prioritized according to the infrastructure needs of each community.

As Bradford grows and prospers, our Government will continue to deliver results for local residents - focused on jobs, economic growth, keeping taxes down, and improving the quality of life in our community. We will continue to deliver change for the better.

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and serve as the southern anchor, as development generally proceeds from south to north. The area will feature traditional employment development, such as manufacturing, warehousing, logistics and distribution terminals, office, hospitality and related retail. Development is expected to proceed in the next 2 to 3 years.

Employment growth is also expected within the Bradford urban area - particularly within the Holland/Bridge St. corridor and downtown core, as well lands near the 8th Line and 10 Sideroad.

Additional employment growth is ultimately expected to occur along the Hwy 400-404 Link corridor, which runs east-west between Lines 8 and 9. However these lands will not develop until the highway is constructed - which the provincial government has indicated is many years away.

Revitalization of Bradford's Downtown Core

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hired planningAlliance in 2010 to come up with a Downtown Revitalization Strategy for Bradford - and an implementation plan, to breathe new life into the Downtown core, through both short-term and long-term initiatives.

The final report was received in 2011 - and a short-term (2012-14) Work Plan for the area has been endorsed by Town Council. That Work Plan included the Reconstruction of Holland St., from the GO train station to Professor Day Drive; amendments to the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law to facilitate redevelopment, intensification and mixed use; a new focus within the Office of Economic Development on the downtown; and designation of the area as a "Community Improvement Area," opening the door to incentives.

The Work Plan also included the expenditure of $80,000, to hire a consultant to design Holland St. - everything from traffic patterns, to streetscaping.

Director of Engineering Debbie Korolnek explained that the consultant will help determine what Downtown Holland St. will look like - 2 lanes or 4, with on-street parking or without, and the impact on traffic flow. "There's also going to be a significant consultation process," she said, and once the report is complete, "we can go straight on to detailed design."

The Work Plan was also endorsed by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Downtown Revitalization Committee - which had some short-term recommendations of its own:

. **A $20,000 budget for banners**, allowing the Town to change the banners more than twice a year.

. **An inventory of the existing plantings**, flowerbeds and hanging baskets, and a recommendation for enhancements.

. **The purchase of new, attractive and sturdy street furniture**. Even if the proposed consultant's study recommends major changes, the furniture will be reusable elsewhere in Town, the Committee suggested.

Council approved. "We have engaged citizens on this committee," said Mayor Doug White, noting that two things were clear, at Downtown Committee's last meeting: "That big things matter, and little things matter."

Even the "little things" - flowers, banners and benches - "have an impact," he said.

As for sidewalk repairs, the Town has indicated that it will review the condition of the sidewalks and "even out rough patches" along Holland St., from Melbourne Drive to the GO Station, as part of its 2012 maintenance.

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Waiting for Spring to come... Being a teen in the '50s

by Bill Marks

It was a different era, back in the 1950s - especially for teenagers. The beginning of spring marked the end of another winter of outdoor hockey and skating.

We had 3 good areas for making a rink. One was the canal near the present site of the Bradford Legion, on Back St. This spot offered a good long surface for hockey. We would make holes in the ice, and "flood" it with pails of water - but if we took out too much water at one time, the ice could collapse! Another good spot was the corner of Bridge St., and the Bradford Co-op. Many hours of great hockey took place after school and on weekends, skating among the trees in Saxon's Swamp.

But Spring offered a different range of activities. Spring was the start of the trapping season. I would go with Bill Watson to check his traps, travelling down the Holland River by canoe, into the Holland Marsh. Muskrats were plentiful, and we always had a big count. Bill also trapped in Saxon's Swamp, as it offered its fair share of mink.

Spring was bicycle time. We would clean and oil our bikes, because this was all we had for transportation. Many weekdays after school were spent down at the railway station. This was a busy spot. Trains stopped for water or moved cars around the yard, offering us the chance to talk to the Engineers and firemen.

We rode our bikes up and down a big wooden ramp on the north side of the station. Inside, we could listen to the station agent sending messages on the telegraph. Trains always seemed to be late. We would sit and wait. Off in the distance, you could hear the sound of an approaching train. The ground would start to vibrate, and off in the distance we would see the smoke. It was truly a great thrill to sit on the dock or stand out in front of the station when a freight train would roar by, non-stop: the noise building, the ground shaking, steam flowing, the wind in your face as it roars past is something you never forget.

Often we would count the number of cars the train pulled - but we also liked to see how many hobos were on each train. Some were easy to spot, but others hid in cars or between cars.

Non-stop trains left bags on a hook as they passed. Mail was off-loaded daily for the Bradford Post Office, sorted on the train by Post office staff; it was often late.

My first trip on a train was with my friend Jamie Webb. Our neighbour Walter Coombs worked in Toronto, so he took us to see the Toronto Maple Leafs play hockey. The company he worked for had red seats at centre ice. We stayed overnight at The Royal York, and returned by train the next day - a great experience for 2 young boys from Bradford.

Spring was also the time of year our guns came out. Spring Weekends signalled the time to head for Scanlon Creek, and toward the Town Dump which was located at the end of Concession 8, next to the railway line. The dump offered us a chance to try out our guns: it was full of rats. We would stand at the bottom of the dump, and listen for the sound of rats displacing the tin cans. George Hunt, Art Hunt, Ray Davey, Jamie Webb and I were regular shooters.

Leaving the dump, we would get on the railway tracks and head north. A short distance away was a small open flat area, where many small depressions held much excitement: on warm sunny days, these pits held hundreds of snakes! I never saw so many snakes in one spot. But our main reason for stopping at this location was to see if anyone was staying in the hobo camp. On the edge of the clearing and into the bush, a campsite was set up, with cooking and sleeping areas, clothes stored in metal drums, littered with empty food cans, pots, pans, and wood for burning. Only 500' from the tracks, it offered a home to those in need.

We would walk north on the tracks to the bridge at Scanlon Creek. This time of year was pike and sucker season - with pike found mainly east of the tracks, and suckers upstream, to Highway 11. Today, pike still spawn east of the tracks.

Scanlon Creek was a large, little-used jewel of a playground. Hours were spent fishing for suckers - by hand! We would wade into the water, reach into holes under the bank, grab the fish, and throw them onto the land. A small pond near the Railway Bridge provided a spot for swimming. It was also a haven for wildlife - deer, rabbits and geese, in large numbers. Scanlon Creek offered many hours of fun and games, and snow could often be found in many areas right up until spring break - offering the opportunity for an end-of-the-season snowball fight. Sometimes overnight stays provided a scary story, to be shared on the journey back to town.

Weekdays were great for fishing in the Holland River. It was easy to catch 75 to 100 catfish each day. The best spots were near the old pump outlets, and next to the old wooden bridge north of the pumphouse. The narrow wooden bridge was a jumping spot for swimming; the only other spot was the tank at Thornton's Mill on Back St., used for washing logs - but also a place to cool off late at night and on weekends, as long as we weren't caught.

As the spring progressed our thoughts turned to summer sports, and Scanlon Creek was forgotten - until the next spring.

Today's youth should have just one 1950s springtime experience, and they would see what a great time in life they've missed. Little did we realize that Scanlon Creek would turn into the great park it has become today. I still visit and walk the trails, reliving those teenage memories - and hope that the Youth of today treat it with respect, so their children can enjoy it too.

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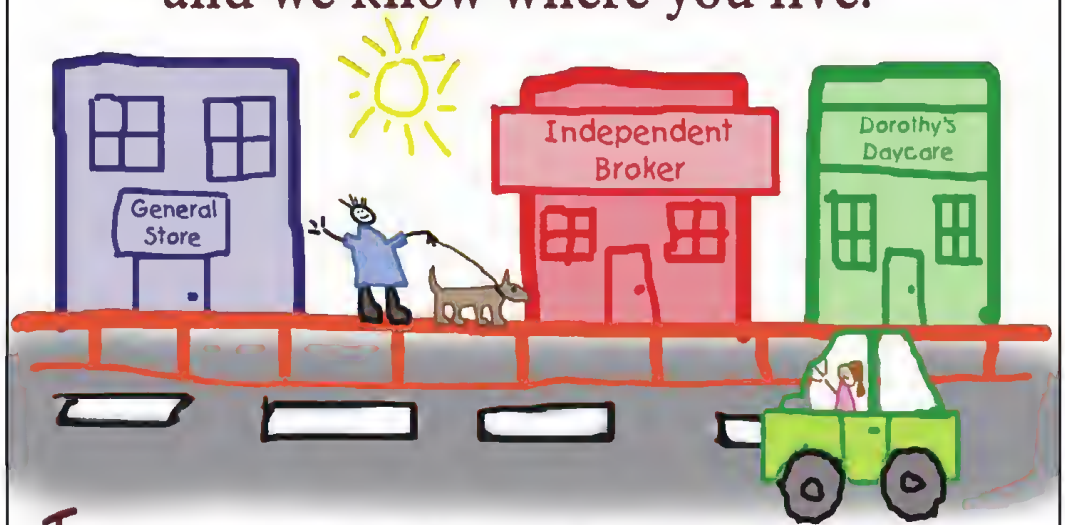

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Recreation comes of age

The Bob Fallis Sports Centre is dwarfed by the new Bradford Sports Dome - a facility that offers indoor soccer, football, lacrosse, etc., year round.

Recreation in Bradford West Gwillimbury has come of age.

The Town has always had recreational facilities - but they were facilities designed for a smaller town, and a smaller population.

The Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre was built entirely with community funds back in 1955-56 - but the ice surface was never regulation size, and the aging floor has been kept going largely through the skill of Town staff, and a large dose of luck.

The Lions pool was an outdoor facility, usable only 2 months of the year - weather permitting.

Even the Bob Fallis Sports Centre, built in 1997, had its limitations: while its ice surface was full-size, there is only a single ice surface, and no meeting rooms where skaters and teams can convene.

The last two years have seen a flurry of construction, and the opening of new facilities that give residents a wider range of recreational options.

In 2010, the Bradford Sports Dome was completed - a large indoor facility, adjacent to the Bob Fallis arena on 10 Sideroad, offering year-round play for soccer, ball hockey, lacrosse, football and other sports - allowing Minor Soccer, for one, to introduce year-round development programs.

In June of 2011, the new 42,200 sq. ft. Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and Cultural Centre officially opened its doors, to hoopla and celebration - quickly breaking all records for use within the municipality, and becoming the hub of a wide range of activities.

And the new BWG Leisure Centre - a 158,000 sq. ft. facility with two NHL regulation sized rinks, a fitness area, gym, indoor running track and pool area - has been staging its openings, as each portion of the facility is completed. The "cold side" rinks and change rooms officially opened on February 6 - with the first skate by the Bradford Skating Club, and the first BWGMHA hockey game on the new ice.

The "warm side" fitness areas opened at the end of February.

And the pace of construction in the Aquatics Centre has picked up, with plans for the Grand Opening towards the end of April.

Improvements to the tennis courts, new trail initiatives and a Trails Master Plan, a new splash pad and play area at the Lions Park, support for festivals and Community Clean Up Days - Bradford West Gwillimbury's Leisure Services Department is helping to ensure that residents will have a wide range of options for active, healthy living.

From notes provided by Tom Graham, Leisure Services

Recreation comes of age: the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre.

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I am humbled to be given the opportunity to serve on Council by the Ward 1 residents and proud to be their voice at the council.

Proud of the direction that Town is heading with focus on Downtown Revitalization and making the employment lands as one of our council strategic priority.

It gives me a great pleasure when I hear residents saying that they are enjoying our new Library & Cultural Centre along with our Leisure Centre. I am looking forward to the grand opening of our Leisure Centre when residents will be able to start to enjoy the indoor pools along with many programs being offered by the Leisure Centre.

Looking forward to working with my colleagues to ensure we get the much needed Southfield road connection started by 2013. Also hoping both Public and Catholic School boards realize and act fast on providing the necessary schools in Ward 1 area for the residents.

Will continue to work to ensure our EDO is pursuing all leads to bring more industry / jobs to Town for our residents.

In my capacity as Ward Councillor I had the opportunity to attend many grand openings for new businesses. I am always happy to attend these openings as they are special occasion for the owners and also each business that opens in town provides service to our residents.

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The story of the Marsh

by Jamie Reaume, Holland Marsh Growers Association

It began with a pipe dream - something that could never take place today, in this strictly-regulated era.

But from the moment Professor William Day turned the first rich organic soil in the Holland Marsh, there has been no looking back, and this productive region has continued to grow and evolve.

The Holland Marsh is Ontario's Soup and Salad Bowl, defined by the black organic-based soil that is continually in production from April through to November, without fail - despite Mother Nature's best efforts to derail the area, through tornadoes and even Hurricane Hazel, back in 1954. Despite the challenges, Marsh Farmers continue to deliver fresh, healthy, seasonal produce.

Now using more than 12,000 acres - split between one County, one Region, 5 Municipalities, 2 Conservation Authorities, 20 Provincial Ministries, 11 Federal Ministries, and a multitude of rules and regulations that would choke a mule - the Holland Marsh thrives because of the unbreakable spirit of the farmers that toil its unique soil.

There are now more than 60 different crops grown on its lands - although the dominant crops are still carrots and onions. That is a reflection of both the confidence of farmers to produce outstanding crops, year in and year out, and the capabilities of the organic soil.

But it is also a reflection of the collaboration and the partnerships that have developed over the years, not the least of which is the Co-op located in the heart of Bradford, once the marsh's Market Town - and a world-recognized Research Station within its boundaries. For more than three generations, waves of immigration brought farmers to the area - farmers who recognize the real value of feeding a local population, the country, even the world.

They farm within the shadow of Canada's largest city, with a major freeway cutting through the very heart of the Marsh - and they still look at where the next opportunity lies.

That is the Holland Marsh - where food grows in such abundance that every Canadian could eat four pounds of its carrots every year, where the focus is on freshness, and eating local - and the smell of fresh-cut celery or recently-harvested onions wafting on the breeze is carried even to the vehicles that stream along the Highway 400, on the way to and from the cottage.

Most importantly, the Holland Marsh is about the people - the farmers who do what they do because of their love for the land and for farming, who can't wait for the return of spring, and the start of a new cycle, as days become longer and warmer, and the swampy ground finally dries. They know they make a difference, one meal at a time.

Consumers can make a difference. Ask for Holland Marsh produce wherever you shop - for the freshness and healthy food grown in your own backyard. Demanding the very best from this area will ensure that farmers can continue doing what they do best: Farming.

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Improving the Scheme

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Construction is now underway, replacing the 5th Line Bridge over the North Canal, in Bradford West Gwillimbury - one of 5 municipal bridges being replaced as part of the Drainage Improvement scheme.

The Holland Marsh wasn't named for the many Dutch families who settled in the area, but for Samuel Johannes Holland, Surveyor-General, who first surveyed the area in in 1791.

In the early 1800s, John Galt described the marsh as "a mere ditch, swarming with bullfrogs and watersnakes" - and that remained the view for nearly a century. It was a barrier to transportation, used primarily by trappers and hunters, and for the harvest of "marsh hay", used to stuff mattresses.

But in the early 1900s, Bradford grocer Dave Watson contacted William Henry Day, a professor at the Agricultural College in Guelph. Watson was convinced that marshland could be drained and used for agriculture - a view that Day came to share.

Day initially cleared a small area of the Bradford Marsh, near Bridge St., where he successfully grew celery, beans, potatoes and other crops, and enthusiastically contacted the local municipalities regarding the reclamation.

But there was little progress until 1923, when Professor Day quit the College, and moved to Bradford. He devoted his time to the Marsh Drainage Scheme - and successfully petitioned landowners to sign up for a project that could see the value of their holdings increase 50-fold.

In 1925, construction of the canals and dykes needed to reclaim 7,265 acres of marshland began, a joint project of the Townships of King and West Gwillimbury, and the Town of Bradford. It wasn't until 1930 that the work was completed, and settlement of the Marsh began.

The original canals served the area until 1954, with regular dredging and repairs to the dykes. Then Hurricane Hazel hit in October of '54, breaching the dykes as floodwaters poured in from the uplands. The marsh was flooded 4' to 20'deep.

In restoring the polder system after the hurricane, the profile of the canals was changed, and the berms that once existed between the dyke/road and the water were eliminated. By the 1980s, siltation was a serious problem, especially in the South Canal. There were concerns that it wouldn't take a Hurricane Hazel to cause serious flooding and losses.

Drainage Superintendent Art Janse proposed a Drainage Improvement scheme, and tirelessly petitioned King Twp and the newly amalgamated Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for support - warning of losses even greater than in 1954 should the dykes fail, and of dangerous road conditions that had claimed lives.

Then, in February 2006, a young mother and her four year old son drowned in the north canal when their car skidded on an ice-covered Canal Road, and slid into the water.

In 2007, a new Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board was established, and a proposal brought forward to reconstruct or deepen nearly 28 km of canals, rebuilding berms and creating barriers between the water and road - for better drainage, flood control, environmental restoration, and life safety.

The $26.4 million project got underway June 9, 2010, thanks in large part to a $10.2 million provincial Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative grant. Expected to take 7 years to complete, under the supervision of new Drainage Superintendent Frank Jonkman Jr. the project is well ahead of schedule.

Just a note: The original drainage scheme cost $137,000.

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Progress at the Library: becoming the hub of BWG

A different view of the new BWG Library and Cultural Centre - the southwest corner, visible from West Park Ave. and Sapper Brian Collier Way. The now familiar colonnade of pillars and glass windows is just to the right of this view.

by Jennifer Harrison Peirce

Sunlight glances off the huge windows of the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library & Cultural Centre - quite an inspiring sight!

Each time I approach the building, I recall the comments of residents who, upon learning that I am on the Library Board, tell me how proud they are of this environmentally-friendly structure standing between traditional Bradford, on one side, and the blossoming west end on the other. The glass, bricks and pillars have created a kind of progress that can be measured.

At the old Library on Holland Court, our staff issued a few hundred new library cards annually. The new building's high-profile location has more people than ever walking through the doors. In 2011, the number of active members jumped by more than 3,300 people - and during the same year, the circulation of books and materials increased by more than 25,000. We are now lending a record number of items to some 16,700 residents.

This year, technology is front and centre at the Library. While adding more of the traditional programs that focus on literacy, we have also improved library software, so residents can be really independent and reserve a book or use references online. Borrowers can use a self-checkout station near the front entrance. E-books are more popular than ever. The use of wi-fi jumped 287% in 2011, over the previous year. Updated technology in the building has the meeting rooms in demand for seminars and presentations.

That's typically how people measure progress: counting heads, books, transactions and technological advances. Statistics, though, tell only part of the story of the progress of the Library over the past year.

The moment I walk inside the new building, the big, beautiful space makes me stop, to try to take it all in. There is literally room for everyone here. Kids with wide eyes are listening and learning in the expanded children's programs. Teens, gathered in study rooms, talk about schoolwork, and use the free wi-fi. Adults pick up the latest paperbacks and check their email in the upstairs computer room, or read quietly by the fireplace. There isn't another place in Town where residents can gather in comfort like this - and it's free!

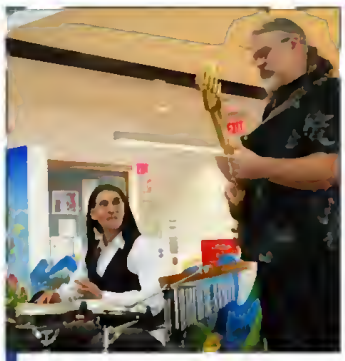
There is also the space within the library to really connect people - where musicians, artists, dancers, poets and writers can showcase their work. Events like the Bradford Arts Guild's Expressions 2011 Art show and sale connected residents with local talent. The Neil Numminen Trio drew a large and enthusiastic audience, as will other musicians who come to play. Photographs and paintings hanging on the walls encourage thoughtful browsers and art appreciation. Author appearances entertain and inspire.

Progress at the BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre can certainly be measured - but it can't be contained!

What's On at the Library

Book Sale this weekend

The BWG Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale takes place this weekend, starting with the Preview Sale, 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30. Only $10 per person gives patrons first pick of the donated books, in the Zima Room, 425 Holland St. West. The main book sale takes place on Saturday, March 31 - and admission is free, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 905-775-3328 or see ***bradford.library.on.ca***



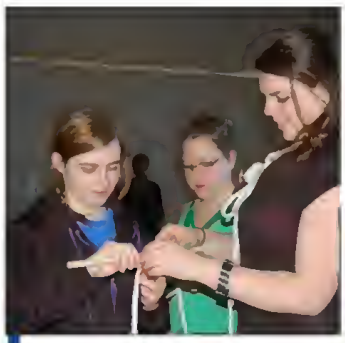
Neil Numminen Trio - Numminen on bass, Kimio Oki on percussion (above), and Mike Bowell on guitar - played at the Library, as part of the Barrie Jazz-Blues Fest, Feb. 4.

Spring Storytime!

Spring Storytime sessions, for ages 4 months to 6 years, run for 6 weeks, from April 17 to May 23 - free!
Babytime for Creepers (4-12 months, accompanied by a parent/caregiver) Tues., 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., or Thurs., 9:45-10:15 a.m. Half hour of songs, rhymes, simple board books.
Babytime for Walkers (12-23 months, accompanied by a parent/caregiver) - Tues., 9:45-10:15 a.m., or Thurs., 10:45-11:15 a.m. Half hour of songs, rhymes, simple board books.
Tales for Twos (2-3 year olds, accompanied by parent or caregiver) - Weds. 9:45-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-11:15 a.m. Half hour of stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and activity.
Storytime, for ages 3 to 6 - Weds. 9:45-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-11:15 a.m., or Thurs. 9:45-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-11:15 a.m.
Register beginning April 4, either in person at Borrower Services, or call 905-775-3328, ext. 6114.

Saturday Family Music

Saturday Family Music, with Nikki Forrester, ECE. April 21, May 5 and 19, and June 2, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. For children ages 6 months to 5 years, accompanied by an adult. $8 per child per class - singing, movement, instruments, puppets and bubbles! Register in person at Borrower Services.



The Hunger Games hit theatres last week, based on the popular Young Adult series describing a post-apocalyptic world. During March Break, the Library hosted its own Hunger Games, with challenges that included setting a trap, archery and - above - knots. The goal wasn't survival, just fun and prizes.

Authors in the Muskokas

Authors Andrew Hind and Maria DaSilva have captured the essence of Muskoka and the history of recreation over the past century, in their book **Muskoka Resorts Then and Now.** The book traces the fortunes of 12 well-known resorts, as they weathered challenges - only to fall, in many cases, to fire, neglect, or the preference for private cottages.

From The Wa Wa Hotel on Lake of Bays, to Deerhurst Resort, still called "the Jewel in Muskoka's Crown," the book is illustrated with great photographs, and brings to life a key era in Muskoka.

Learn more from the authors themselves. Andrew Hind and Maria Da Silva will be at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West on Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 each, available at the Library and Bradford Print Shoppe. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by The BWG Friends of the Library; for info contact 905-775-3328 ext. 6100 or ***www.bradford.library.on.ca***

Book-Signing!

Lyn Mooy is a grandmother, great grandmother, and an author. She writes under the name Kimberley Rose Dawson, and her books - ***Carousel, Carousel The Missing Years***, and now ***Carousel the Relapse*** describe her addictions to alcohol, men, and love. The books are published by Author House, out of Bloomington, Indiana, and available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble online.

Carousel The Relapse will be launched at a Book-Signing at Timmy D's Irish Pub, Saturday, March 31, 1-5 p.m. Timmy D's, at the rear of 16 Holland St. W., is accessed from the rear Parking lot.

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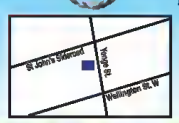

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Why churches still matter to the community

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is blessed to have a large variety of very active churches.

Often, when a community grows and changes, residents lament the loss of that small-town feeling, and the sense of intimate community.

Our churches are and continue to be places in which community is built, maintained and sustained, all in an environment of loving fellowship, worship, learning and prayers.

It is sometimes claimed that we can pray on our own just as well as we can pray in a church. Perhaps this is true, but there is an old saying from the Book of Ecclesiastes: "The two are better than one." It is good to be together. We are social creatures, and God intends us to come together to celebrate our joys and triumphs, to share our moments of sadness and bereavement, and in all things give thanks to the one who created us.

Churches are places in which we not only seek and find community, but also the deeper meaning that God has for us - not only in our own lives, but in how we might reach out to make the world a better place. This is why you will find members of all of our churches working together in many of the outreach initiatives in our communities - at the local food bank, the BWG Community Supper at Bradford United Church, the many community foundations and volunteer groups. The members of our churches are reaching out every day, to serve the most vulnerable amongst us.

To be sure, it is a sad thing that Christianity is marred by many divisions. The plethora of denominations that make up Christianity is a result of very human conflicts - yet God still works through frailty to bring about healing. The church is made up of people who, from time to time, will falter - yet God is always making all things new, as evidenced by the denominations working together to assist the poor.

Today, the clergy of the community meet once a month for prayer, lunch, fellowship and planning. One hundred years ago, this would have been unthinkable. Today, I count my fellow clerics of our varied denominations as my friends. You will find us gathered at the Bradford GO Station to invite residents "Back to Church", gathered for public symposia at which we learn about our own faith and the faiths of others, worshipping together during Lent, in hospitals comforting the sick, at funeral homes journeying with those who mourn - and in our churches every Sunday, giving praise and thanks to God for the immeasurable gift we have received, in Christ. We welcome you to journey with us, to participate in a loving community, worship a loving God, and help make a difference for the vulnerable in God's world.

By the Rev. Daniel F. Graves, chair of the Bradford Ecumenical Ministerial, and Priest-in-Charge of Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford.

From top: Trinity Anglican, St. John's Presbyterian, St. Paul's Anglican (Coulson's Hill), Bradford United.

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Faith Communities

Canada is multi-cultural - and so is Bradford West Gwillimbury. The community is home to other faiths, besides Christianity - including Judaism, Sikhism, and Islam.

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Left row, from top: Bradford Baptist, Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, Bond Head United, Springdale Christian Reformed. Centre row, from top: Bradford Alliance, Dunkerron United, Bradford Community Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran. Right, from top: Jehovah's Witness Hall, St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox, St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic

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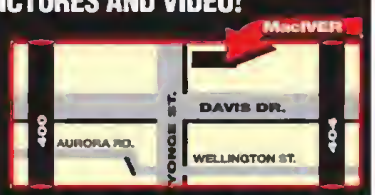

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Looking forward and looking back, because Heritage Matters

by Rob Keffer, Deputy Mayor

Bradford West Gwillimbury is a Town rich in history, buildings, archaeology and cultural heritage. These heritage resources add value, quality and diversity to our daily lives and community, and need to be protected for the future.

In June 2011, a Municipal Heritage Committee was appointed - chair Craig Cunningham, vice-chair Ellen Walker, and members Munawar Chudary, Jeanene Malcolm-White and Rob Keffer.

The mission of the committee is "Through leadership, stewardship and research, make possible the continued preservation of heritage buildings, properties and areas of worthy designation under the Ontario Heritage Act." This committee will provide advice and recommendations to Council, related to the identification and preservation of buildings, structures and lands that are of historical and/or cultural interest - and promote and publicize a climate of responsible stewardship of the community's historical assets.

Currently the Town has 4 properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act: The Brazel-Chambers House in Bond Head; Cerswell-Scott House in Bond Head, Elliot-Waters log cabin on the 12th Line, and the Parker-Burbidge House, on the 8th Line.

As well, over 30 properties are listed on the Town's Heritage Registry, for the purpose of identifying them for further investigation of their heritage value.

The Heritage Committee has discussed the importance of the Auld Kirk (Scotch Settlement) property on the 6th Line, a church founded by the Red River Settlers on their return to Upper Canada, and is currently investigating ways of preserving this historic property. We have asked for a heritage assessment of the original Fred C. Cook School from the School Board, to have a professional opinion of the significance of this building.

The Committee would also like to congratulate the great work of the volunteer Bond Head Festival 175th Committee. They have done a great job of planning many events for the weekend of June 22-24, 2012, to celebrate the history of the hamlet of Bond Head.

Looking farther into the future, the Heritage Committee plans to be part of Doors Open Ontario in 2013, and will be showcasing at least 10 properties of historical significance in the Bradford West Gwillimbury Area. The Committee will be looking for volunteers to help with this important project.

And the Heritage Committee welcomes suggestions, for showcasing the historical value of the Town: finalizing a strategic plan, looking into Property Standards By-laws for Heritage Homes, and looking for potential heritage properties to add to our List. The public is invited to participate!

Photo: Scotch Settlement Church on 6th Line.

The Bond Head 175 Festival

The history of the hamlet of Bond Head (County Rd. 88 & 27) dates back to the first surveys, in 1819. Within 5 years, settlers from Ireland, England and Scotland had claimed and cleared most of the land in the area.

In 1837, the first Post Office opened, and the village was established - named for Governor of Upper Canada, Sir Francis Bond Head, the man who helped quash the Rebellion of 1837. The Bond Head Festival 175 Committee will be celebrating the hamlet's 175th anniversary this summer, June 22-24. The Festival will start Friday, with Baseball games and an Antique Car Show. Saturday's events include a Community Parade, Opening Ceremonies at noon, Farmers market, Arts & Crafts Show, pioneer demonstrations, live entertainment and guided walking tours and wagon rides, to view some of the hamlet's century buildings. The Festival wraps up Sunday, with Breakfast and an Interfaith Service.

For more information, see ***www.bondhead175.ca*** To help with games, the parade, tours, entertainment, demonstrations or food, please contact Bev Ferguson at ***bevjferg@yahoo.ca*** To make a contribution contact Pat Cranston, ***pat46.beetonhockey@yahoo.ca***

Faith Communities in Bradford

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It is home to a growing community of Muslims, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at or AMJ, whose motto is "Love for all, Hatred for None," and who have become deeply involved in community events. They hosted last year's inaugural Run for Bradford (BWG), a fundraiser for both the new Library and Leisure Centre, and an annual World Religions Conference, that explores ideas within the parameters of faith.

Their mosque is located on 10 Sideroad, near the 11th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury, where they follow the teachings of the Prophet Mohammed, and their founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

There is also a vibrant Sikh community in Bradford West Gwillimbury. In fact, The Mayor and Council have proclaimed April 13 as Khalsa Day in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, marking the 313th anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh, and planning a flag raising at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Courthouse.

At the moment, the Sikh community has no regular meeting place in Town, but hopes to start up in July. Anyone in the Sikh community who needs further information can contact Raj Sandhu, Councillor Ward 1, at ***ranaraj@rogers.com***

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Toastmasters!

Three menbers of Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters competed in the Area 14 Evaluation and International Speech contest - and finished in the top 3. Robbie Fleischacker placed 3rd in the Evaluation competition; Tim Norton was 2nd in the International Speech Contest, and Annette Lavigne (seen above at the March 27 Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters' Open House) placed 1st in the International Speech Contest. She moves on to the Division M Competition, which will be held this Saturday, March 31 at the York Region Administration Building, 17250 Yonge St. in Newmarket, at 9:30 a.m. The competition is open to the public; admission is $5. Winners will advance to the District Level, May 4-6 in Richmond Hill.

Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters has a new meeting place. The Club will still meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of the Month - but are now meeting at the upstairs all-purpose room in the new BWG Leisure Centre on West Park Ave. in Bradford. For information, see ***www.toastmasters.org***

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Dramatic win for BDHS, at the Sears Drama Festival

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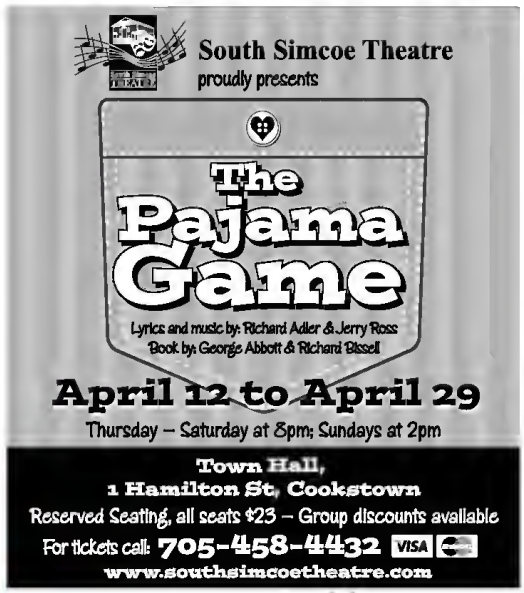
Bradford District High School participated in the 2012 Sears Drama Festival, during the first week in March, and received several awards and recognition for its production of Painting Kayla, directed by student drew Murdoch.
BDHS drama students won 2 out of 15 Merit Awards - Zach Gauthier for his role of "Dylan" in the play, and Billie Cundell for "Johanna". One of 12 Awards of Excellence went to Matina Walton, for her interpretation of the role of "Mary Ellen."
The Scholarship Award for Directors went to drew Murdoch - and Painting Kayla was one of 3 "Outstanding Productions" at the Georgian Bay Regionals, chosen to go on to the next level of competition - the Western Regionals in April, which will be held in Cambridge. The other plays that advanced were 10,000 Cigarettes, by Bear Creek Secondary, and Women and Wallace by Barrie Central.

Live and On Stage!

The Pajama Game! The delightful Tony Award-winning musical, based on the book "7 1/2 Cents" by Ricbard Bissell, is the final offering in The South Simcoe Theatre's 2011-2012 season. On stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, from April 12 to 29, with 8 p.m. performances Thurs.-Sat., and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Tickets are $23 per person; call the box office at 705-458-4432, or see ***www.southsimcoetheatre.com*** The play includes great songs like The Pajama Game, Small Talk, and Hernando's Hideaway! Don't miss an entertaining theatrical event!

South Simcoe Theatre has announced **Theatre Auditions** for *Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings*, in performance at the Cookstown theatre May 31 to June 3. The 5th Annual Showcase features both amateur and professional plays; no physical acting or memorization is required. There will be 4 - 6 rehearsals, and 1 performance of each play. Auditions will take place at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown on Saturdays, April 14 & 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - by appointment. No preparation is necessary; a panel will ask participants to read an excerpt from one or more of the plays. To schedule an appointment, contact Christina Luck at ***christinaluck@bell.net*** or 705-458-4422, or call the box office at 705-458-4432. For a list of plays see ***www.southsimcoetheatre.com***



A Diva In Concert

Soprano and Comedienne Mary Lou Fallis comes to the Newmarket Theatre on Sunday, April 1 - the final show in the Visual and Performing Arts Newmarket (VPAN) 2011-12 Concert Series. Known for her CBC Radio series Diva Diaries, and her Bravo! TV series Bathroom Divas, Fallis brings music comedy to the Newmarket stage. To order tickets call 905-953-5122 or ***www.newmarkettheatre.ca***

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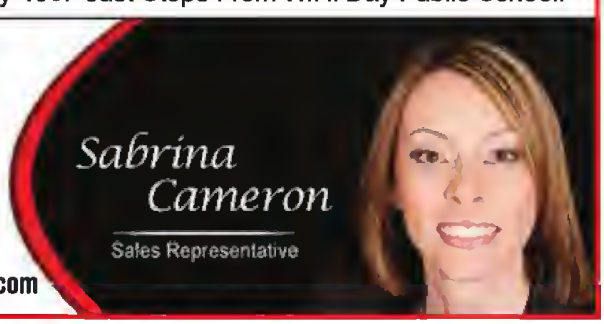

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In Search of Jesus, this Easter

New Life Baptist Church in Innisfil will be holding "In Search of Jesus" - a family-oriented Easter event on Good Friday, April 6, at the New Life Church property, 6881 Yonge St. in Innisfil. Tours run continuously from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., inviting families to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, from the entry into Jerusalem, to the Crucifixion, to the Resurrection, with costumed interpreters.

In Search of Jesus is free. Visitors are asked to park across the road at Sunset Speedway, and catch the shuttle bus to the church property, for this moving event that captures the spirit of Easter. For more information, see ***insearchofjesus.info***

Scandinavian Spring Bazaar

The Laestadian Lutheran Church in Cookstown will be hosting its annual Spring Bazaar - a chance to purchase freshly-baked Easter treats, including Finnish Coffee, cinnamon rolls, cakes, donuts, Easter crafts - on Friday, March 30 from 3 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come for a home-made Meatball Supper on Friday, and a music program in the Sanctuary, Friday evening - or drop in on Saturday morning for a delicious brunch! The Church is located at 5579 County Rd. 27 (just north of Cookstown); for more information, call 705-424-7124.

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- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket (905-895-1281)
- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, 8195 Concession Line 8, Utopia (705-424-1479)
- Severn Sound Environmental Association, 67 Fourth Street, Midland (705-527-5166)

Four public Open Houses are being held to provide an opportunity to learn more about the draft plan and how to participate in the commenting process.

Monday, April 16, 2012 5:30pm to 8:30pm, *Brookleo Golf & Country Club, 8567 Highway 93, Midland*
Thursday, April 19, 5:30pm to 8:30 pm, *Holiday Inn Express, 100 Pony Drive, Newmarket*
Saturday, April 21, 2012, 11am to 2pm, *Liberty North, 100 Coplon Avenue, Barrie*
Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 5:30pm to 8:30pm, *Best Western Mariposa Inn, 400 Memorial Avenue, Orillia*

Please RSVP at least one week in advance by calling 416-536-7653 or e-mailing swp@ourwatershed.ca.

Our website at www.ourwatershed.ca has information about **other Open Houses taking place** in neighbouring source protection regions that might be more convenient for some residents.

Members of the public can take positive action now to review the policies and **provide their feedback to the committee before the deadline of May 25, 2012.**

Comments must be submitted in writing, either in person, by mail, fax or e-mail to:
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Questions about the process should be directed to Susan Jagminas, Communications Specialist at 1-800-465-0437 or 905-895-1281 ext 264.

Ham Dinner for a Cause

St. John's Presbyterian Church is hosting a Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner on Saturday, March 31 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. - but it's more than just a dinner.

It's also a fundraiser, for a Mother Friendly Hospital Initiative in Uganda, to help purchase a new $4,500 bed for an operating theatre.

The initiative was launched by Dr. Eve Nakabembe, a Ugandan obstetrician who has been attempting to address high maternal mortality rates in her country.

One night she had 8 mothers die in childbirth. On another night, the power went out in the middle of a c-section; she performed the surgey by the light of her cell phone - phone in one hand, scalpel in the other.

To address the conditions, and a death rate that sees 14 women die in childbirth in Uganda each day, Dr. Nakabembe became the Academic Director of a *Masters in Public Health Leadership* program operated by Save the Mothers. The graduates of the program will be advocating for change, through health care, social work, business, media, government - working to change the way women and mothers are treated in countries that include Sub-Saharan Africa, Afghanistan and Haiti.

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Palm Sunday parade in Churchill

St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill will be holding its annual Palm Sunday Procession on Sunday, April 1. The procession invites children and adults to dress in costume, and led by a miniature donkey, re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The procession begins at 9 a.m. at the Churchill Public Library, and ends at the Church, for the 9:15 a.m. service. All are welcome to attend, to participate or watch. For more information, contact Linda at 705-436-9769.

Lenten Series of Services

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Ministerial is presenting "An Ecumenical Lenten Series" - worship, on Wednesday evenings in Lent, that includes a traditional service at each participating church, and a guest preacher from a different church. The goal is to share traditions, and keep a Holy Lent by worshipping and reflecting on Scripture.

On Wednesday, April 4 the topic is ***"Hosanna to the Son of David."*** (Matthew 21:9). At Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 - 10 Sideroad BWG, 7:30 p.m. Preacher: Reverend Dr. Daniel Scott, St. John's Presbyterian Church. Light refreshments will be served following each service. All welcome.

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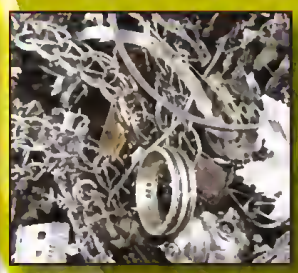

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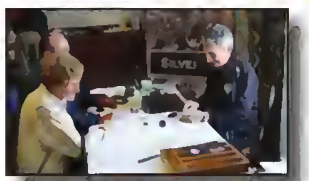

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The Sweetest Season - Maple Syrup Festivals

Photos this page by Miriam King, Bradford Times

The Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival has returned to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Stouffville Sideroad east of Warden Ave., and to the Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive, until April 9th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes demonstrations of "sugaring off," pancake breakfasts, entertainment, and (above) horse-drawn wagon rides. See www.maplesyrupfest.com for more information.

This weekend only - catch the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 -8th Line Essa Twp. March 31 and April 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - co-hosted by the NVCA and Rotary Club of Barrie. Admission is $10 adults, $5 kids 12 & under, for horse-drawn wagon rides, tours of the sugar bush, crafts, face-painting, live music, Zoo to You, Firefighters, and a Pancake Breakfast with real Maple Syrup. Make a Bird or Bat Box to take home for an extra $5. Fundraiser for the NVCA and Rotary.

NSD Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

Kids enjoy Easter Egg Hunts - and so do dogs, when the prizes include gift baskets containing dog treats and toys.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs is a fundraiser for National Service Dogs (NSD), a charity dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with special needs by providing them with specially-trained Labs and Golden Retrievers.

The dogs are trained to meet the needs of children with Autism (Certified Service Dog for Autism program), veterans with long-term post-traumatic stress disorder (Skilled-Companion Dog for Veterans program), or individuals with various disabilities (Companion Dog Program). NSD relies entirely on donations and events like the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday, April 6, 2012.

There will be a National Service Dogs' Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs at Barrie's Sunnidale Park, with registration beginning at 10 a.m., and the Hunt starting at 11 a.m. sharp - rain, shine or snow. Once again the Turner family of Bradford is leading the way - both in organizing the hunt, and fundraising.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, check out ***www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1327&AID=1798&PID=254708*** or email ***turnerclan@rogers.com***

Note: National Service Dogs will also be gratefully accepting donations of Canadian Tire money and Zehrs Receipts at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Hunting for Easter Eggs!

Virginia the Easter Bunny at Puck's Farm. Below, Emma, 3, hunting for eggs.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has gotten out of the Egg-Hunting business - but CrossTrainers and the Bradford Scouts are keeping up the tradition. The annual **BWG Easter Egg Hunt** will take place Saturday, April 7 at the Lions Park, 11 a.m. to noon. This year, there will be 4 different egg hunts, for age groups 3 & Under; 4-5; 6-8 years; and 9 & older. Thank you to Giant Tiger, Great Gulf Homes, Bond Head Women's Institute, Bradford Lions Club, the Bradford Walmart Supercentre, and Bradford CIBC!

Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery on Yonge just north of Bradford hosts its annual **Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt** starting at 9 a.m. on April 6. Kids ages 8 and under can meet the Easter Bunny, and hunt for chocolate Easter eggs - while their parents enjoy the sights and scents of Spring flowers in bloom. Free, but donations of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank are welcomed!

Spring Tree Farm, located at 2475 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Innisfil, is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** for kids ages 12 and under on Good Friday, April 6. Cost is $5 per child, with the donation of a non-perishable food item for the Innisfil Food Bank - all proceeds go to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. The event will include face-painting, a visit with the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt (bring your own basket). BBQ lunch will be available. Must pre-register by March 31, at 705-436-5623 or see ***www.springtreefarm.ca/events***

The World's Largest 8-Day Easter Egg Hunt continues at Puck's Farm... Meet the Easter Bunny, pet the newborn animals, ride a pony, take an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon ride, and reconnect with rural roots, at the 32nd annual Hunt, every Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., through April 8 - plus Good Friday, April 6, and Easter Monday, April 9. Kids can hunt for Easter Eggs all day, and join the Scrambles at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Located on the 11th Line of King Twp., south of Hwy. 9. For more information and a free admission coupon, see ***www.pucksfarm.com***

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, hosts an eggsciting afternoon on Saturday, April 7. From 1:30 to 3 p.m., kids 4 to 10 years old are invited to Meet the Easter Bunny, enjoy Easter Displays, activities, egg decorating, and light refreshments. Bring your toy bunnies and best Easter hats! Only $5 per person. Please pre-register for **Eggceptional Easter Fun**, at 905-953-5314 or email ***elmanmuseum@rogers.com***

The Innisfil Public Libraries host an **Easter Eggstravaganza**, for kids 12 and under! March 31 at the Stroud Branch 10:30-11:30 a.m., Cookstown Br. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and Lakeshore Br. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. $2 per child; pre-register at the library. And meet **Live Bunnies at the Library,** with Warren Baguley's Bunny Hutch - Churchill Br. March 29 at 6 p.m.; Stroud on March 31 at noon. Free - drop in!

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SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Monday 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

BRADFORD PIPES & DRUMS: Pipers and drummers wanted - no experience necessary. Will teach! Meet Sundays at the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Mike at 705-431-2412.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Form completion and document help, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

INNISFIL PIPES & DRUMS: Looking for new students and experienced players most welcome! Everything provided - lessons are free. Meet most Thursday nights at the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion. For more information, contact Ken Wilkinson, 705-456-3717.

T.O.P.S.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg. Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is $30 per year, $2 per meeting. For details call Edna, 905-775-9018.

YOUTH DROP IN GYM NIGHT: The Fridge (Bradford Baptist Church Youth Ministry) is running a Youth Drop-in Gym Night at Bradford District High School twice a month, for grades 7-12. Free. Every other Friday, 7-9 p.m. For info, see www.bbcwweb.ca or email rsmith@bbcweb.ca

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund raising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

THURS., MARCH 29

STORYTIME WITH MARTHA: At the Ontario Early Years Centre in Bradford, 118 Barrie St. 10 a.m., with Early Literacy Specialist Martha Kovack. Drop in.

FRI., MARCH 30

SPRING BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY: Preview Night - $10 gets first pick of the donated books at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. 7-8:30 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE AT ROTODALE: Rotodale Nursery School, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, hosts an Open House and start to registration on March 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call 905-775-3039, ext. 221.

LAESTADIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH SCANDINAVIAN SPRING BAZAAR: Friday, March 30 from 3 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fabulous Easter baking, including Finnish Coffee Breads and cinnamon rolls, and Easter Crafts. Enjoy a meatball supper, and music program in the Sanctuary on Friday evening, or Brunch on Saturday morning. Located in Cookstown, at 5579 County Rd. 27. For info call 705-424-7124.

SAT., MARCH 31

SPRING BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY: Free admission at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ELVIS AT THE DANUBE SRS. LEISURE CENTRE: Great concert by two top Elvis tribute artists, joined by The Tonettes, and Gerie and the Coasters, at the Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. Tickets $25, available at the Centre, 905-775-0612, M & M Meat Shops in Bradford, or Nancy's Nifty Nook.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAM & SCALLOP DINNER: Ham & Scalloped potato dinner, 4:30 - 7 p.m. continuous serving, at the Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad BWG. Adults $12, Children $6 at the door. Gluten free meal on request; call 905-775-7274.

SUN., APRIL 1

PALM SUNDAY PARADE: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Churchill, Innisfil, holds its annual Palm Sunday Procession, leaving from the Churchill Public Library at 9 a.m., and arriving at the Church in time for 9:15 a.m. Service. Kids and adults in costume, a live donkey and song - come out and watch the recreation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, or join in. For info, 705-436-9769.

MON., APR. 2

GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN: A 4-week parent-child interactive program to prepare for Kindergarten. April 2, 16, 23 and 30, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Bradford, 118 Barrie St. Pre-register at 905-775-3039, ext. 229. How your child learns; Help your child get along; Help your child figure things out; Going to school.

MINOR HOCKEY AGM: BWG Minor Hockey Association holds its Annual General Meeting , 7 p.m. upstairs at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd.

THURS., APR. 5

EASTER EGG PAINTING: At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 5 p.m. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229. For preschoolers and their parents/caregivers - free.

GRANDPARENTS PARENTING AGAIN SUPPORT GROUP: At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. 1-3 p.m.

FRI., APR. 6

GOOD FRIDAY EASTER EGG HUNT: At Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery just north of Bradford, 9 a.m. Meet the Easter Bunny, and hunt for eggs - for ages 8 and under. Free, but please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank.

IN SEARCH OF JESUS: Take a tour, led by costumed interpreters, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus, at New Life Baptist Church, 6881 Yonge St. in Innisfil. Tours run continually, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - free. Please park across the road at Sunset Speedway, and catch the shuttle bus to the church.

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR DOGS: At Sunnidale Park in Barrie, register 10 a.m., hunt begins at 11 a.m. sharp. Fundraiser for NSD.

SAT., APR. 7

BWG EASTER EGG HUNT: At Bradford Lions Park on Colborne St., from 11 a.m. to 12. Traditional Egg Hunt and chance to meet the Easter Bunny, organized by Bradford Scouts and Cross-Trainers. Free! For kids 3 & under; 4-5; 6-8; and 9 & up.

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905-775-8282
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

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Bradford Minor Midget Local League Team #1, sponsored by Langford Grain, won the Simcoe Region MHL Championship.

Bradford Minor Midget Local League team #1, sponsored hy Landford Grain, won the Simcoe Region Minor Hockey League Championship, March 23.

The team was 20-3-3 for the season, then posted 9 straight wins vs. NohleKing, TNT and Schomherg, for an undefeated record in the playoffs. The team hecame the first BWGMHA team to win a Championship at home in the new BWG Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to Head Coach Cameron Preece, Assistant Coach Ross Mayhee, Trainer Brent Preece, Manager Tony Tassone, Co-Captains Weston Langford and Owen Mayhee, Alternate Captains Anthony Tassone and Kurt Vanderhulst, players Kevin Vigneau, Caden Preece, Brendan Preece, Luke Nogalo, Nicholas Collings, Marcel Santonato, Jeremy Minnema, Matthew Majik and Goaltender Gilhert Oldreive.

Special thanks to Affiliate Players, goalies Lane McCarty and Philippe Pearson, and players Chris Grant and Luke Janse.

The entire team played with respect for their coaches, teammates and opponents, resulting in a GREAT SEASON!

BWGMHA Local League

TYKE DIVISION

March 22, Bradford #2 - 12, Lefroy #1 - 2. Scoring hy Aiden Kapralik with 5 goals, Justin Dias with 4, Brandon Spadafora with a pair, and Andreas Alves with the single. Helpers to Julia Mumford (5), Brayden Fitkin (5), Carsyn Elliot (2), Dias (2), Evan Robhins (2), Logan Wareing, Colton Graham, Philippe Harte and Spadafora. Jacoh Sim was solid in net.

March 25, Bradford #2 -13, Schomherg #1 - 3. Goals by Aiden Kapralik with 8, Spencer Natale and Justin Dias with a pair apiece, single by Philippe Harte. Assists to Colton Orr, Andreas Alves and Evan Rohhins.

Bradford's Got Talent!

Coming up this Saturday: Bradford's Got Talent, on ice!

The Bradford Skating Cluh and Skate Canada present an outstanding show, with young skaters of all ages in the spotlight at the new Bradford West Gwillimhury Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Avenue in Bradford.

Two shows only on Saturday, March 31. There will he a Dress Rehearsal at 1 p.m. - all tickets only $5.

The main show takes place at 7 p.m., and tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for children ages 6 to 12 and for Seniors, free for kids 5 and under. Tickets are now availahle at the Leisure Centre during any regular skating session, or hy contacting ***bradfordskate@aol.com***

Great costumes, great skating, a great evening on ice!

Bradford Skaters' Edge

The Bradford & District Skating Cluh participated in the 2012 Figure Skating Boutique CO STARSkate Championships in Brampton, Februaryy 17-19:

Juvenile Men - Cael Gormley **1st**

Pre-Juvenile Ladies - Daniela Boada 19th, Allyson Park 26th

Gold Women FreeSkate - Samantha Gregorio **1st**

Sr. Silver Women FreeSkate - Michelle Van Lierop 6th

Sr. Bronze Women - Rebekah Reimer **2nd** in Flight 2, **4th** in the Final; Ashley Guner 8th in Flight 3.

Jr. Bronze Men - Teodor Mlynczyk **2nd**.

Jr. Bronze Women - Daniella Cerqua 7th in Flt 3, Ailee Weatherhead 10th in Flt 5

Silver Women Triathlon - Michelle Van Lierop **2nd**

Prelim. STARSkate Women - Ainsley Gaston 6th in Flt. 3.

Pre-Prelim. STARSkate Women - Maeve Gormley 5th in Flt. 4, Chantal Lott 9th in Flt. 5, Courtney Smith 10th in Flt. 6.

Three Bradford Skaters qualified to compete at the 2012 Trillium STARSkate Championships in North Bay, March 16-18 - Michelle Van Lierop in Silver Women Triathlon, Teo Mlynczyk in Jr. Bronze Men, and Samantha Gregorio, in Gold Women Freeskate. At Trillium, Michelle placed 6th in Silver Women Triathlon, Teo was 5th in Jr. Bronze Men Freeskate, and Samantha was 7th in Gold Women's Freeskate.

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Beginners' League wraps up

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Sponsors Mac and Linda Rumble (in orange) congratulated the Rockers, "A" Side winners (Brian Febel, Carlos Viaes, Chris Jensen, Steve Pinto) at the Bradford Curling Club.

There's a new league in Town - the first-ever Beginner League at the Bradford Curling Club, which wrapped up its inaugural season on Sunday, March 18.

The league was organized to provide an opportunity for brand-new players to learn the roaring game of curling.

The Beginner League was filled to capacity, with 32 participants playing the 8-week schedule, from January to March. Ice was available before each game for members to practice, and develop their skills.

The "A" Final was won by the Rockers rink, of Brian Febel, Carlos Viaes, Chris Jensen and Steve Pinto. "A" side runners-up were the Three Stars Rink of Stan Curry, Kim Moyles, Theresa Noble and Tony Handal.

Many thanks to Bradford's M & M Meat Shops and proprietors Linda and Mac Rumble for their sponsorship, and for presenting each team with a prize.

MicroWorks Major Curling

The Microworks Major Curling League held its Championship Finals on March 20.

Winner of the **"A" Championship** was the Parry Sound Insurance rink of Cory Heggestad, which defeated Dominion of Canada Insurance/Bunn-o-matic (Pat Perroud) 8-3. Congratulations to the rink of Cory Heggestad, Darryl MacKenzie, Dan Belechorak and Paul Harbottle.

"A" Consolation winner was Performance Curling Supplies/Freedom 55 Financial (Al Corbeil), defeating BMC Construction/A.McAfee & Assoc. Insurance (Willie MacPherson), 8-6.

In the **"B" Final**, Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors (Garry Morgan) downed DM Printing Equipment (Susan McKnight) 8-5.

In the **"C" Final**, Comco Petroleum/Dr. Chris Schell Optometrist (Andrew Thompson) defeated Aurora Auto Wholesalers (Wylie Allan) 8-7.

The evening also saw the presentation of the Bill Garner Award, honouring an individual who displays Sportsmanship and dedication to the game of curling, and contributes to the positive image of the Microworks Major Curling League - presented to Don Campbell.

A reminder: The Major League Challenge began March 27 at the Barrie Curling Club, and will continue next Tuesday, April 3, at the Cookstown rink, 7:30 p.m. Come out and cheer on your squad.

BWGMHA Rep team results

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Game 1, Bradford - 3, Newmarket - 2, in Overtime! Scoring by Terry Smith from Braydon Lloyd; Matthew Backman from Jaden McDonald, and with the game-winner, Philippe Lafreniere from Lloyd.

Game 2, Newmarket - 4, Bradford - 1. Lone goal Jaden McDonald from Victor Pearson.

Game 3, Bradford - 2, Newmarket - 0. Goals by Terry Smith, from Nicholas DeSario; and DeSario from Kris Jansen and Jack Slade. Shutout to Ryan Sadler. Bradford leads the series 2 games to 1. Game 4 was scheduled for March 27, in Newmarket.

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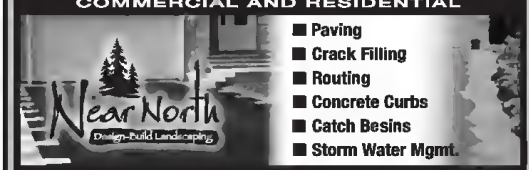

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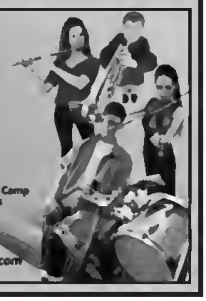

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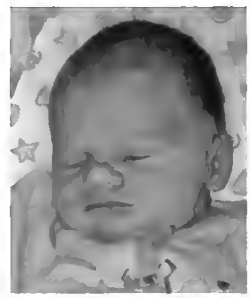

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You ware one in a million, and it will teke me a lifetime to be half the Mother you were.

Love you always and forevar.
Tell Dad we miss him too.
'Til we meet again.
Love Marilyn, Chad and Chris
P.S. Give Blackie a kiss for me.

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Spaghetti Dinner for Guatemala

On April 21, Marcia Talbot and daughter Meghan will be travelling to Guatemala, as part of Team Ceta - a 4-week service trip, working with Orphan Resources International (ORI) to assist orphans in the Central American country.

The Talbots are raising funds to bring with them - funds that they'll use wherever the need is greatest, at the Mision el Camino. In previous trips, donations have been used to purchase everything from beds, to a new roof for an orphanage.

This Saturday, March 31, they're hosting the 3rd annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for orphans in Guatemala at the Bradford Legion Hall, 115 Back St. in Bradford. The evening will include a Spaghetti Dinner, draws, sales of items, and a Silent Auction - with incredible items that include 2 Raptors court-side tickets (value $304 each) for the April 16 game at the ACC; an Executive Box for 12 to see the Toronto Rock Lacrosse game on April 7; a new set of golf clubs; 1-night stay at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, and much, much more.

Supper sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for children, $6 for preschoolers. All welcome. For more information, see ***www.facebook.com/events/216548628433933*** or see ***www.marciatalbotphotography.com***

Daffs!

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at IGA, Vince's Market, the LCBO and No Frills. Daffodil pins will also be available for a donation, throughout the month.

All of the money raised helps the Cancer Society fund research, provide information and support to residents. For information about the Cancer Society, Daffodil Month, where to buy daffodils and how to volunteer, visit ***fightback.ca*** or call 905-830-0447 ext. 3833.

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currently in remission. "We have to keep him there," she says.

"We'll go day by day, and we'll just get him better" - especially with the "positive energy, prayers and thoughts" of the community.

Top photo: Volunteers sell Cake Pops, by "Eat Joe Cake" as a fundraiser for Keegan, in flavours that include Jolly Rancher and 'Smores. ***Middle photo:*** Silent Auction raises funds. ***Above:*** Kids and families skated for Keegan, 3 to 5 p.m. at the New Leisure Centre.

In memory of Sapper Brian Collier

On July 20, 2010, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury was shocked to learn that the community had lost a native son, to the conflict in Afghanistan - Sapper Brian Collier.

Brian Collier touched the lives of all he met. He always had a smile on his face, and put everyone and anything before himself, remembers Melissa Boyer. "Brian wanted to protect the ones he loved but never stopped there. He would help anyone in need, and wouldn't put up with bullying. He went to fight the "War on Terror" to help protect our country and ensure we would all have a safe and better life. Brian risked his life to defend our country and stand up for something he was so passionate about."

Boyer was determined to do something in his memory, to "make sure his life and his sacrifice (are) never forgotten."

And since Brian Collier was always very active in sports, in both hockey and baseball, Boyer thought, "What better way to celebrate his life, than doing something he loved?"

On Saturday, May 26, The Sapper Brian Collier Mixed 3-Pitch Tournament will be held at the Bradford Community Centre Diamonds - 3-Pitch Mush Ball, $20 per player, all ages, minimum of 4 women per team. All proceeds will go toward scholarships in Memory of Brian Collier at both Bradford District High School and Holy Trinity High School. A donation will also be made to the Bradford Minor Softball Association, to give a child an opportunity to play baseball.

For more information or to register a team email ***briancolliermemorial tournament@hotmail.com*** or call 905-252-1199. For information, or to donate cash, prizes or volunteer, contact Melissa Boyer at 905-898-9280.

Fundraising Dinners & Dances

The ***3rd Annual Shake Your Boobies for Breast Cancer Dinner and Dance*** will be taking place Saturday, March 31 at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford, on Simcoe Rd. The event is a fundraiser for Joe Mama 2 - a local team participating in this September's Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to end Women's Cancers 60 K walk, benefitting the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. The evening will include dinner, live entertainment, DJ, prizes and fun, starting at 7 p.m., and tickets are only $30 per person. For tickets call Alison Domingues at 905-775-2410 or Sara Fresco, 905-775-4825.

KC's Cancer Cushion Fund is hosting a ***Pub Night and Silent Auction***, on Saturday, April 21 at the Roman Palace in Newmarket. The fund, established in memory of Kate Coen, helps provide "a soft place to land when needed" - helping "Cancer Warriors" pay for uninsured costs that can include medical expenses, parking, even meals. Pub Night begins at 7:30 p.m. and includes live entertainment, refreshments and prizes. Tickets are $30 per person, available at *cushionfund@gmail.com* or call 905-853-0166.

Yellow Brick House shelter for abused women and their children, and IBM Canada present the ***"Mending Hearts... Creating Dreams" Gala*** on Friday, April 27 at Angus Glen GCC in Markham. The event, which includes Wine Reception at 6 p.m., Dinner and live entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m., a Silent Auction and more, is a fundraiser for the Yellow Brick House Second Shelter Second Chances Capital Campaign. Tickets are $150 each; Dress is Black and White. For ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities, contact Janice at 905-709-0900 ext. 2255 or email *janicei@yellowbrickhouse.org* But hurry - tickets are selling out quickly.

Bradford Invitational Charity Golf Tourney looking for local Charities

This will be the 3rd year for the Bradford Invitational Charity Golf Tournament, taking place June 1 at Harbourview Golf & Country Club in Gilford.

The tournament is the brainchild of Robin Evans, lifelong resident and local realtor with Sutton Group- Future Realty Inc. An avid golfer, he knows what makes a successful and enjoyable tournament: a great day on the links, great food, and "no speeches." And as a committed community-member, he wants to support charities that make a difference, locally.

Last year, the tournament handed out $19,000 in donations - $9,000 to War Amps, $5,000 to Progress Child Care Centres, and $5,000 to the Helping Hand Food Bank.

This year, Evans is hoping to raise $25,000 - and is looking for applications from non-profit organizations, interested in receiving funding. Already on the list are War Amps and DeafBlind Ontario Association, which operates a residence for the DeafBlind in Bradford.

For more information, for tickets to the tourney, or to apply for funding, contact Robin Evans at 905-953-6200.

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$18,495 OR $136 BI-WEEKLY

2010 Honda CRV EXL Pkg 4x4, auto, 4 dr, PW, PDL, P/mirrors, sunroof, A/C, tilt, alloys, CD, leather, loaded. 65,000km. Stk. # OP-3159

$24,995 OR $195 BI-WEEKLY

2009 Honda Accord EX Pkg Auto, 4 dr, PW, PDL, P/ Mirrors, sunroof, A/C, cruise, tilt, alloys, CD, loaded. 79,000km. Stk # 12-212A

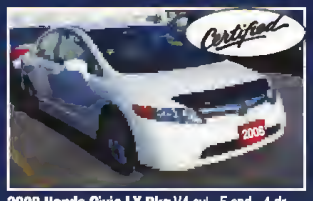
$21,495 OR $159 BI-WEEKLY

2011 Honda CR-Z Hybrid Brand New Auto., 2dr, PW, PDL, P/mirrors, A/C, cruise, tilt, alloys, CD, loaded. 100km Stk # OP-3162

$24,290 OR $199 BI-WEEKLY

2009 Honda Accord EX Pkg Auto., 4 dr., pw, pdl, p/mirrors, sunroof, A/C, cruise, tilt, alloys, CD, loaded. 73,000Km. Stk # OP-3208

$19,495 OR $144 BI-WEEKLY



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